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REV. J. M CONNER, S. T. D.

THEOLOGICAL EXAMINER OF PAYNE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, WILBERFORCE, O.

Author of "Outlines of Christian Theology"—Pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, Little Rock, Ark.—A Few of the Many Indorsements of Dr. Conner's Book, "Outlines of Christian Theology."

COMMENDS AND ENDORSES IT.

From Rev. W. T. Lewis, D. D., of University of Michigan, pastor of the Main street M. E. church, Little Rock:

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 10, 1896.—After a somewhat careful reading of a new book by Rev. Dr. J. M. Conner entitled "Outlines of Christian Theology," I heartily commend and endorse it. The book is suggestive, rather than exhaustive, as the title indicates. It is succinct, lucid, brief. It is not nebulous, for the stars shine.

A CREDITABLE PRODUCTION.

From Rev. J. E. Godley, D D., of St Charles (Mo.) College, editor of the Arkansas Methodist: "Outline of Christian Theology." J. M. Conner, S. T. D., offers to the public a work with the above title. It is a fair succinct statement of the various tenets of the Christian faith, with arguments and evidences for the same. The book is a creditable production and its perusal will benefit those for whom it is written."

RICHLY DESERVES A HEARTY RECEPTION.

From Rev. Thos. Mason, A. M., D. D., president Philander Smith college:

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 29, 1896.—Rev. J. M. Conner, S. T. D.—Dear Sir and Brother! I acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of a copy of your "Outlines of Christian Theology," and hereby tender my thanks for the same. May it meet with the hearty reception which it so richly deserves. Yours cordially,

THOS. MASON.

IS AN ABLE PRODUCTION.

From Rev. C. H. Phillips, D. D., of the Christian Index, C. M. E. church, Jackson, Tenn.: "Outlines of Christian Theology," by J. M. Conner, S. T. D., of the A. M. E. church, has been so revised that it is now, for all practical purposes, a new book. New material has been added, the paper is better, so is the typography and mechanism. The book is an able production and is dedicated to the bishops of the A. M. E., A. M. E. Zion and C. M. E. churches."

A CREDIT TO THE A. M. E. CHURCH.

From Rt. Rev. H. M. Turner, D. D., L. L. D., D. C. L., bishop of the A. M. E. church, in the Voice, Atlanta, Ga.: "Rev. Dr. J. M. Conner has just brought out the second edition of his 'Outlines of Christian Theology,' and we are frank to say the book is not only a credit to Dr. Conner, but it is a credit to the A. M. E. church. We shall study it as well as read it, for it will bear critical scrutiny."

RECOMMENDS THE WORK TO ALL.

From Rev. P. W. Wade, D. D.: "I have read 'Outlines of Christian Theology,' by Dr. J. M. Conner. I heartily recommend the work to all as an excellent production."

THE THING FOR YOUNG MINISTERS.

From Rev. Wm. C. Cox, Morrilton, Ark.: "I have read very carefully the book, 'Outlines of Christian Theology.' by Dr. M. Conner, of Hot Springs, and can say without a doubt it is just the thing for young ministers."

REV. J. M. CONNER'S BOOK.

"'Outlines of Christian Theology,' is an instructive volume, the author of which is Rev. J. M. Conner, an eloquent colored divine, who is now pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. church of this city. The work is attracting much attention throughout the country. The author was born in Mississippi, but spent most of his life in Alabama. He was educated in Chicago, and is the best theological examiner at Payne's Theological Seminary at Wilberforce, O. His book is regarded as the best that was ever written by one of his race, and all who have read it speak of it in the highest praise."—The Arkansas Gazette.

WON LAURELS AS A THINKER AND WRITER.

"Rev. J. M. Conner, D. D., pastor of Visitor's Chapel of this city, is a distinguished man of his race. Not only in the pulpit has he won laurels, but as a thinker and writer he holds a leading position among the foremost men of his race. He is the author of a book on theology of over 300 pages. Dr. Conner is a ripe scholar, familiar with Greek, Latin and Hebrew, and a close reasoner, with an easy style, and his work will no doubt attract much attention."--Hot Springs Daily News.

A BRIEF REVIEW.

"In a neat book, just issued by the Brown Printing Co., of this city Rev. J. M. Conner, S. T. D., a colored man, who is theological examiner of Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, O., discusses "The Outlines of Christian Theology" at considerable length. The preface says: "God, who made the world and all things therein, is worthy of study." To prove that he created all things, and to study Him and His works, is the avowed purpose of the book. In his discussion of hell, the author says: "There is no intermediate state between death and the judgment; hence when a man dies he at once enters hell or heaven. When the wicked die God has no more use for them; thus at once they must enter on their eternal journey without end; the pain shall be of a ceaseless nature."

TEXT BOOK ON THEOLOGY—THE AUTHOR A PROMINENT COLORED MINISTER.

"There recently issued from the press a volumne by a local writer which deserves more than a passing notice. It is the "Outlines of Christian Theology, by Rev. J. M. Conner, pastor of the A. M. E. church, Ninth and Broadway, Little Rock. Dr. Connor is the author of several other works of merit reflecting great credit upon his race. The volume gives in a succinct form the evidences and fundamental truths of Christianity, being designed more as a guide for the student than as an exhaustive exposition of Biblical tenets. The subjects treated cover a wide range, and all are discussed in a condensed manner, beginning with the word of God and its origin, our knowledge of God, existence of God in the constitution of the human mind, revelations of God in the scriptures, miracles, etc.

"An examination of the work shows considerable research, and a close analysis of the subjects discussed. It is severely orthodox, and faithful in its interpretation of abstruse passages. The language is not marked with affected pomposity, but is simple and easily understood, and the reasoning is in most part sound and logical." Rev. H. T. Johnson, D. D. Ph. D., editor Christian Recorder, Philadelphia, Pa., says of the work: "Outlines of Theology." by J. M. Conner, S. T. D. introduction by Bishop H. M. Turner, price $1.25. It is fair to say that the author has shown himself equal to the task of undertaking much and enduring no little. Its purchase and perusal is recommended to the curious, thoughtful and scholarly among our readers."

OUTLINES OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY.

H. C. Smith, editor of the Gazette, Cleveland, O., says:—"Outlines of Christian Theology" is the title of a book prettily bound in blue and gold, by Rev. J. M. Conner, S. T. D., theological examiner of Payne Theological seminary at Wilberforce. The volume is dedicated to ministers and members of the Christian church. The introduction is ably written by Bishop Turner. The author has had good opportunities to examine the principles of faith as understood by the church, and to examine the scriptures for information as to matters of facts. It is his aim to record nothing save that borne out by the scriptures. The book is not an attempt at a large comprehensive work on Christian Theology, but a mere outline for the benefit of the many young ministers and members of the church who desire a knowledge of the principles of the Christian's faith.

It containes forty-four chapters, discussing every imaginable evidence of Christianity, beginning with the word of God, and its origin our knowledge of God, existence of God in the constitution of the human mind, revelation of God in the scriptures, divine authority of the scriptures, inspiration by miracles, etc. What God has done worthy of consideration is simply and plainly treated in "Outlines of Christian Theology." The work as a literary production stands high. The editor of the Gazette acknowledges the receipt of a volume compliments of the author, Dr. Connor.

"Never in the history of the Christian church did the sacred truths of divine revelations have to wrestle with so many insidious and ensnaring enemies as have been projected and embellished within the last one or two decades. Rationalistic interpretations of Biblical doctrines have been supplemented with false promises, corrupt but garnished philosophies and illogical conclusions have been reached and palmed off on the reading world by the glare of mere rhetoric, etc. These are a few of the thoughts by Bishop Turner in introducing the very interesting book, "Outlines of Christian Theology" by J. M. Conner, S. T. D., theological examiner of Payne Theological Seminary, author of "Iron Wheel," "Classical Lore," etc. This work is dedicated to the bishops of the A. M. E. church and its dignitaries. "Rev. Conner has given the pulpit and student of the Bible a condensed theological work, yet wide enough to cover all the problems so perplexing to the world. The subjects while numerous, are treated concisely and with cogent reasoning. He goes to the core of things. He gives no long, tedious exegesis on any subject, divides truth from error in the onset. As a guide for the young man in the pulpit, so far as the teachings of the particular church is concerned, no better book can be found owing to the epitomized character of the vrious subjects. Rev. Conner, from all indications, is a ripe scholar and his individuality is stamped on every page of his book."

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Theodore Drury, the baritone singer sang to a crowded house last Monday at St. John church. The U. B. F. Accidental Lodge Installation of officers was held at the lodge room Friday after which an elaborate repast was served. The youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas on Madison street was burned to death last Friday. Twenty young men of the city have banded themselves together as a club to be known as the "Monarch," and will entertain April 8th. J. R. Smith, president. Miss Mollie E. Franklin was in the city last week. Chas. Corner has returned from Helena, Ark. "As by Fire" was played at St. Paul church Monday night to a small crowd. Mrs. Lizzie Thomas has returned to Denver, Col. The Orphans and Old Ladies Home Association celebrated its second anniversary at Avery Chapel Wednesday afternoon and night. Some of Memphis' most prominent men addressed the house. Tom Dorden, deputy sheriff, was tried before Justice Coats for assault and battery on Callie Jones' son and for stealing $2.00 from the woman. Revival services are still going on with increasing interest at the First Baptist church, Zion Hall. Rev. W. S. Ellington preached Sunday at 11 a. m., subject, "The Prodigal Son." Evangelist G. W. Dudley preached at 3 p. m. and at night. Miss Etta Hamilton entertained the Clay street school junior class in the Lemoyne school parlor Thursday night. Prof. Theodore Drury of New York will appear in a concert for the benefit of Avery Chapel Monday night the 30th. The Dramatic Club will stage the new play, "The Blackstone," at Union Aid Hall Monday night the 30th. A. J. H. Bass is working for The Freemad.

The Church and Club.

Houston, Tex., Special.

At Antioch Baptist church seventy-five were converted. Owing to the revival at Antioch Baptist church the Fred Douglass social and literary club had to despence with the regular meeting. The following subject for general discussion at the club next meeting: "Resolved that young men should not have special company without an object in view of marrying." Hon. C. H. Brown is an independent candidate for city recorder. E. C. Branch and Rev. T. T. Benson, D. D., will form a partnership in business. How do you want The Freeman—by the week, or by the month or for one year? Let us know. The intelligent people of Houston must read The Freeman. We hope to have an office here soon. The work of The Freeman is good and it must go on.

RICHARD GREENER REPLIES

TO EDITOR HACKLEY'S ARTICLE ON THE ADDRESS OF THE

Lake Conference—Negro Citizenseip a Farce—Manhood is More Important than Money—Public Sentiment is not Law.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

One of the stong objections urged by conservative people against Aparian, Populistic and Anarchistic measures, looking to the redress of some grievances of society, is that they are of an Utopian character, they aim at that which is unattainable as human society is at present constituted. Indeed, such opponents point to the theories of Free Trade as in fact "angelic," but needing angels to execute it. They even dare to assert that the entire christian scheme of religion is a heavenly theory which no earthly being since Jesus, has been able, thoroughly, to live up to; while the anarchists and levelers, who look forward to an ideal state, when man no longer shall oppress his fellow, the weak not fear the strong, and poverty and wealth both be abolished, is an attainment never to be reached even by "the society of the future."

When the Detroit Conference, then, in its address tersely stated the quest of the American Negro to-day to be simply "what other citizens of the civilization are now enjoying," those gentlemen, in one phase, stated also the negative—the real grievance, that they are the only class of American citizens, native or adopted, who do not enjoy to-day identity and equality of privilege and burdens. We did not take up the attitude of the labor organization, the populist, the anarchists toward the Negro. We well know them, each and all, to be the varlest cowards where Negroes' rights came to share with their own. But at worst they were only negative opponents of the Negro's brotherhood; as a matter of fact, most of them would assert it as a beautiful theory. But what was designed to be brought out clearly, was the absurd, illogical, revolutionary characher of the white demagogues of Mississippi, Louisiana and South Carolina, their utter selfishness, their dense ignorance, their persistent race prejudice and the possible outcome of such a pernicuous force in a free republic; and it was stated, as no one will dare deny, that men of this character "show the same disregard for human rights, the same contempt for law, the same supreme selfishness and baseness of motive as their fathers of 1860-61." Is such an arraignment false in any particular? Is it not, on the contrary, rather understated? What can such men know of "the basic principles of Republican government?" They are "out of accord with the civilization of the 19th century." They have neither the motive of their fathers for ill treating the Negro, nor have they the amenities which sprang up, even under slavery rule. What makes their conduct all the more cowardly, treacherous and despisable, is the incontestable fact that but for these same Negroes they would not to-day be in position to disgrace our civilization, for they would not be citizens of the United States; but foreigners, exiled by their father's treason.

I know it is fashionable now to say that such talk is impolitic, does "no good," while many in act, if not in speech, apologize for the acts of these men and calmly look forward to the ameliorating influence of time and christian sentiment to modify these human hyenas. Let no Negro deceive himself. This generation of white men of the South will not change. They are not better, they are worse than their fathers. The two hundred and fifty years of actual servitude did not equal the atrocities of the last thirty years since the close of the war, a record worthy of Bulgaria; worse than the reports from Armenia. Why should Negroes hasten to discern the millenium, which has not yet illumined the South? The streaks of dawn have by no means appeared. Neither Atlanta or Nashville shows will ever make up for denial of rights. If there is any progress, it is due to the all pervading influence of the 19th century civilization, and the strongest argument against the provincialism and barbarity of the South, is that it stands out so muleishly, in such bourbon like characteristics, against what would have changed the whole aspect of an ordinary community. The strangest fact is that the North and great West do not realize the menace to the national prosperity. The virus has already entered into our body politic. The South Carolina ass has already brayed in the U. S. Senate. Virginia and other communities are contemplating methods which shall not alone curb Negro majorities, but eliminate effectively the Negro vote. It is well enough for Negroes to invoke "the prayer gauge," to trust to the ameliorative influences of time, and hope for the best. The best will not come until the Negro rises to an appreciation of his own wretched and anomalous condition in the land of his birth. The protest, the continued protest, rising into clamor, must come from him, and until it does, there will be but slight modification in his treatment. The Negro is a pariah at the South and a virtual peon at the North. At present he deludes himself with the notion he is a President maker. He actually believes he is electing delegates to a National convention. Just as in re-construction, he imagines he is mover and a doer, whereas he is one of the easiest pulled, puppets, dancing where and when the strings are pulled. Were he half as much concerned about his rights as he is to record the votes he cannot deliver, there would be some hope. Men nor races rarely get more recognition than they persistently demand; seldom do they attain the even measure; generally it falls far below, and history shows that the first duty of the real race leaders, the thinkers, the men who are not "practical politicians," is to arouse the conscience, stimulate the thought and lead the slave to appreciate his abject condition. To think is to act.

RICHARD T. GREENER.

THE PRIDE OF THE CHURCH

WAS ONCE THE BOOK CONCERN—OUR PAPERS DO NOT KEEP

Pace With the Times—Dr. Embry For the Bishopric—Not Suitable For Business Manager—Willing to be Denounced For Truth's Sake—What May be Accomplished.

In view of the attention which has of late years been turned toward the Publication Department of the A. M. E. church, the combination editorial discussing its future which appeared in a late issue of the Recorder will be read with interest. Once upon a time the Book Concern was the pride of the church and race. Its achievements were esteemed as marvels. Since that day, Pelham, Smith, Cooper, Adams, Fortune, Mitchell, and Knox have appeared above the horizon of journalism and have become of such dimensions as to nearly obscure the erstwhile refulgence of the sun that blazed from the skies over Philadelphia. At the present time we are publishing nothing that reaches many of the race who are strictly outside the fold and we get directly at, but a very few who are safely housed The old Bishops took the correct view and used to say that any preacher who did not read the church papers was incompetent to hold a charge. Acting consistently, they forced the men to read the Recorder, the discipline and the Bible. The Bible, so as to be able to preach, and the Recorder so as to be able to African Methodize their flocks. If we have a right to lay down studies as prerequisites to admission, we also have a right to demand that our men take the only paper through which they can get a broad view of the connection. Now-a-days the bishops don't put themselves out to push the church literature upon their men. Among the many causes which have combined to bring about this result two features are prominent; other papers and books have come into competition with ours, and our paper has not kept pace with the times.

Dr. Lee had settled down to a certain rut and neither he nor anybody else had any hope of the Recorder expanding under his editorship. When Dr. Johnson went in new things, entirely new things, were looked for. He has kept the paper up to where it was and has perhaps made it a little better, but at the end of four years it is the same "old lady with a few new ribbons," nothing more. Dr. Johnson realizes this as keenly as anybody. To say differently would be to deny that he has modern ideas. Realizing this, he attempts to explain his failure. He puts the blame on the manager who stands in the way of improvement. The manager puts part of the blame on Johnson and the rest on the bishops and church. But they both go jogging along the same old rut. Now that judgment draws near, they have reasoned together and hence the combination editorial.

Dr. Johnson is as slick as they make them, and in this editorial he takes it for granted that the cause of failure is all on the manager's side and proceeds to make elaborate excuses for poor old Dr. Embry, who with his usual credulity falls meekly in line and puts the tail end on to the doleful wail. After reading the editorial no one would ever think that there had been any failure save on the money side. But in these days people read a thing the second time. The class of men who throw down a paper when the first line of an article don't strike them right, has nearly died out. Now we read the article, not merely its heading; we consider the article, not merely the writer.

I am Dr. Johnson's friend and Dr. Embry's friend, and a loyal member of the church. What I say is for the sake of the church, not the man. I will vote for Dr. Embry for the bishopric, because he is one of the purest, noblest and most able men named for that office, but I cannot refrain from again saying, "He is not cut out for Business Manager," he is a failure. There is no use to say that no one but Dr. Embry and Dr. Johnson can understand the Book Concern. Those who stand off understand it better than those who are befogged in its gloom. Why don't more people take the Recorder?

They take Bishop Turner's paper, they take The Freeman, Age, etc. The Recorder is antiquated, it is slow, it is pedantic, it is dull. Its most catchy columns would be the columns of the church news, but it has no conception of what constitutes church news. Its report of conference appointments are scarce, and what there are, are generally months late. There are new churches being built every week, but they are not told of; there are big revivals always going on, but they are not mentioned. There are a thousand unknown men on small circuits who are doing deeds of immoral heroism, but they are never noticed. Excanges are almost entirely ignored. The small life of the church is the most intensely interesting if properly presented. One page could be filled every week with fresh news of the men and churches.

Big events and big deeds should be fully presented and their bearings upon the present and future should be discussed. Bishop Grant's trip to Europe, Bishop Turner's long journeys, Bishop Arnett's advent into great organizations of the land, Bishop Tanner's articles in the Independant, the modest but marvelous work of Bishop Lee, the reformations begun by Bishop Salters, and Bishop Handy, and the new thoughts and methods of Bishop Gaines should all be put squarely and fully before the church. The bishops should be well known personally to the people everywhere, and their words and deeds should be made familiar to all. The Recorder could do this. Thus I might go on and point out dozens of ways which each number could be made such value and interest that it would be sought after from everywhere. But to each of these ideas our good brethren oppose a grunt, or an excuse, or a long winded, wordy but meaningless piece of philosophy.

To it all I return the answer, it can be done. Look around you and see what Knox and others are doing right under your nose. In connection with our local church we got out 5,000 copies of a little paper and they went like hot cakes. If desired we could put forth ten thousand every month. It not only is no expense but it pays. We are like people using wooden plows and oxen. That is true as the sunshine. Of course the man behind such a plow will grunt and sweat, and limp and be discouraged. He will be until he dies if he stays there. If you hitch horses to his wooden plow they will smash it and kill him. He had better get a new plow, a new team, and go at it with modern ideas. The bishops are too just to make men take a dull paper when for half the money they can get a better one.

I am willing to be denounced from one end of the church to the other for telling the truth and everybody knows that that is just what I am telling. The "combination editoral" is correct in saying that the church should take care of the present debts of the "Book Concern," but beyond that it would be foolish to go. Why put money in the business? Put men at it—that is wiser. We could just give the whole Concern away and authorize a proper man to publish a church paper and handle the church literature and without any other capital he could build up the best publication house of the race. Shut up the Philadelphia Concern in May and give me the right to print the books and publish the church paper and Review, and I would ask not one cent, but would give the church a paper that would have three times the reading matter of the present one, would get out every book at a profit, and take care of my charge and then have time for other things. In doing this I would not then be doing one half as much as scores of men whom I see every week are doing.

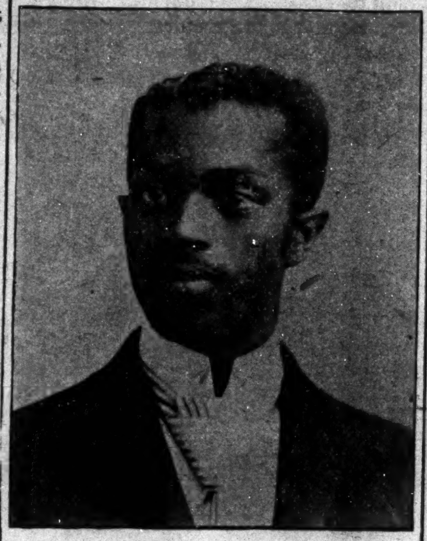
Of course I don't expect anything like that to be done, but simply say it to illustrate the point. We are grunting and groaning, and despairing about a task that can never be accomplished under present conditions but that, by casting our net on the other side, could be done with ease. Let us send Dr. Embry up to keep company with Bishop Turner, Tanner, and Lee and put a hustler in his place. Give Dr. Johnson another trial under new conditions; he will be like his environment. Dr. Embry has worked hard, has worked faithfully, has worked honestly, but he has bucked against a rocky wall. He is too honest and earnest to step to one side and walk through the opening. He is like the bat in this respect and if we keep him at his present task he will go on butting and groaning and sweating and trying, and doing nothing but make mountains of dust until he dies. No better man for the bishopric has ever been among us than Dr. Embry, but he is a plumb failure in his present place. The very building he has erected is a monument to his lack of discernment. Any man who would undertake his task and accept the business managership under such conditions as exist would be foolish. The man who goes in must go with the intention of beginning things over and trying new lines, if he don't he will go running out like a wild Indian or die like a mole. I use colloquial language and an every day style because I don't want my meaning muffled up in stale words. I know that Bishop Lee don't approve of colloquialisms and that Bishop Tanner would shake his head at some of my phrases, but rhetoric has no place in business talk. Euphony of words and beauty of phrase and sentence sometimes become garments of so attractive a character as to detract attention from the hard-faced, rugged facts they are intended to present. In business, sentimentality is an intruder, fine language is an idle dilettante, and courtesy a waster of time. I want Dr. Johnson's vote and would like to have Dr. Embry's favor, and desire the favor of their friends, but when I start to discuss the Book Concern I say as much of what I think as appears wise to utter and give up heed to anything except truth. No harm will be done but much good may be accomplished.

I would send this article to the Recorder, but something tells me that Dr. Johnson would not give it space. If Bishop Turner were editor, he would print it in a minute and turn it to immense advantage. There is nothing ill-natured in anything said. It is simply a straight talk with the drapery of fine words left off. I have heard nearly every one of the Bishops and scores of the brethren say exactly the same things in substance, but they said it so nicely that the points did not stick out. My motive for talking out is this: I see that Dr. Embry and Dr. Johnson are starting out to obscure the real issue and direct attention away from the actual cause of their failure. I know that you cannot cure indigestion by eating honey, and I also know that we can't make the Book Concern what it should be and could be by backing up our financial cart and dumping the people's money into its dismal depths. The bishops, the preachers, the church are not the responsible causes of failure. Dr. Johnson and Dr. Embry are the men who ought to face the music. No man is so full of philosophy as the man who fails. He can explain everything. But success is all the kind of talk that goes in this illogical day of business.

J. M. HENDERSON, M. D.,
New York City.

Mr. Curtis Sommerville

An enterprising young man of Pontiac, Ill., is a candidate for township collector. He has held the position as clerk in Lutyens' drug-store for several years Mr. Sommerville was born and raised in Pontiac, and has educated himself to become a registered pharmacist in a drug store. He is the first colored Republican to offer himself as a martyr in this township to the Republican machine and is no doubt capable of the office.


CURTIS SOMMERVILLE.

LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Held at the Town of Bayou Scie, Feb. 12th, Closing on the 17th.

The conference was grand. Rev. J. W. Washington was elected secretary. Rev. A. Mitchell of Patterson was elected statistical secretary, and Elder L. Esleman of Bayou Scie was elecled engrossing secretary. For marshalls, Rev. G. B. Bellops, of Napoleonville, Rev. B. J. Bell of Amit City. All dollar money with a few exceptions, was reported on the first day. The Rev. Mr. Douglass of the Episcopal church made an address of welcome to the preachers and the people in general. Also several ministers of the Baptist church were introduced, and made welcome the conference. The second day's session was pleasant. The sermon preached by Rev. J. W. Willard of New Orleans was logical and forcible. Elder Robinson, P. E., and Elder Manaway of the Mississippi Conference were cordially received.

The third day's session was equal to the proceeding sessions. The greatest feature of the day was the election of delegates to the general conference which will meet at Wilmington, N. C., the first Monday in May. Miss Carter read an essay at night on "The Black Woman of the South," which was a treat to all present. Sunday was high day. Rev. L. C. Carter, the scientific preacher, so-called by his presiding elder, was appointed by the bishop to preach to the little folks at 9 o'clock. Elder Carter is a rising young man. At 11 o'clock Rt. Rev. B. F. Lee, D. D., Ph. D, preached the ordination sermon. One elder and a deacon were ordained. He took for his text Matt. 17:19. The bishop seemed inspired while he expounded the word of God. Truly he is a deep logical preacher, and the glory comes upon men, women and children alike. At 3:30 p. m. Rev. S. J. Channel of Greensburg, La., occupied the pulpit, taking for his text Psa. 8:4. Many of the best came forward, saying he reached the climax. The 7 o'clock service was in the hands of Rev. T. A. Wilson, of the St. James district. Thus closes the work of Bishop Lee on the Tenth Episcopal district. No minister need be afraid to appreach Bishop Lee, let him be ever so meager in dress, he will get a hearty welcome. The conference closed with the reading of the appointments, and the word was "Go forth ye messengers of God." The finance statutes stands ahead of any previous four years, and in many of the departments double to what any four years have reported. Education seemed to share no small amount in the reports as will be stated otherwise. We now await the new bishop who ever he may be.

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CHAPTER I.

It was a large sum that my father paid for my grandfather's freedom (the exact amount I am unable to state correctly, but have heard him say that it took him three years to pay it). It is safe to say, however, that he gave the slave-holder twelve years of his youthful life and labor, beginning when he was 12 years of age and ending when he was 24. At the age of 26 he married a young woman by the name of Julia Nelson, the daughter of a white woman whose husband was a black man—her father's slave, and died a slave, being murdered in his old age by a white man and a Methodist minister at that. A short time after my father's marriage he contracted for a farm in Norfolk county that was known as the "Castiles farm" On this tract of land my father settled and cleared off quite a large field and made many valuable improvements. The land proved to be exceedingly good when tilled, so much so that when father had paid for it all but a small sum (having bought it on installment payments from a white man named Horatio Woodard) the former owner (Woodard) wanted to get it back into his possession. My father refused to leave at his request, and Woodard used intrigue to make him move off. It will be well for me to state here that there is a law in all the slave states forbidding all free people of color from harboring or dealing with slaves, under the penalty of heavy fines or removal out of the county in which it takes place, if the owner of the slave demands it. This unjust law Woodard was determined to bring to bear upon my father, which he did, through the aid of one of his slaves, a man called Anthony, who acted in concurrence with old Woodard, partly through ignorance and partly through fear. The master took a peck of peas and gave them to Anthony, and told him if he could manage to leave them in father's house, he (Woodard) would give him a new hat; and that he himself would, with another white man, follow close behind with a search warrant, and find them in father's possession. The bargain being made and the plan all arranged as to how the parties were to act, Anthony came to father's with the peas and offered to sell them to him for a trifle. Father told him he did not wish to buy any. Anthony then said that he had about a mile further to go, and told father it he would let the peas stay there until he came back, he (Anthony) would be much obliged. My father consented. Anthony put the peas down in the corner and was soon out of sight. In a few minutes in popped his master with a search warrant, and said he had lost some peas and that Anthony was in the hadit of stealing them and other grain, and he believed my father was harboring him in his acts. He looked around and saw his peas near the door where Anthony had placed them. He at once claim his property, and said that my father had been unlawfully dealing with his slaves. The lost peas were a positive proof he said, and told my father if he did not leave the county at once, he (Woodard) would have the law put in force and make him do so. Father knowing that law and prejudice were against him, stood no trial with Woodard, but moved out of the county into Princess Anne county without delay, where he lived the rest of his life, but not without much suffering and many wrongs from the hands of the slave holders, as will be seen in another chapter. The trick played by this fellow Woodard is to-day often practiced upon the free people of color, not only to get them to move from place to place, but also to keep up disunion between them and their bond brethren, which has to a great extent been successful.

I am happy to say, however, that is not now so much the case as in past years, for oppression on both sides has made the free man of color and the slave man united. They begin to believe in race unity; they begin to see that the interest of one is the interest of both.

CHAPTER II.

SUPPLEMENT TO B. SQUARE'S BOOK, "OLD SPECS."

Father now being 30 years of age with a large family, he could not help looking back on his hard lot and bad luck; he could not help looking back and seeing all of his useful labors wrongfully taken from him by these slave-holders. He was, however, at that age when men can, if they ever can, overcome their troubles, so he resolved to try again. He, therefore, contracted for a farm in Princess Anne county, and moved there on it. He not only succeeded in paying for it, but also bought the two adjoining farms; here I was born, being the sixth heir and second son. My elder brother was named William J., and there were six children younger than myself, three boys and three girls. My father by hard work, aided by the older members of the family, soon got ahead again, and was what was called in those parts, "a good liver." He was well liked by his neighbors, both white and black (he being a very quiet man.) He had some knowledge of herbs and soon became a sort of "herb doctor;" for this reason our folks lived in peace for some time, when the other free people of color were at one time or another molested. But, alas! that peace was soon to be broken, and at a time it would be the most keenly felt by us all. Until this time the free people of color in this part of Virginia were allowed to receive education. Many did receive enough to be able to read and write. Father sent his children to school to a poor white woman in the neighborhood whose name was Wilson. This woman taught us to read, etc. I was between 7 and 8 when I began to go to school, and continued for several months, which is all the schooling I have ever had. Father finding it very hard to give his children an education in a proper manner, by sending them to Mrs. Wilson's house, resolved to try to educate my brother William J., who was 12 years older than myself, that he (William) might teach the rest of the children. My father, therefore, sent him to the city of Norfolk to school, where he got a tolerable good education. But father was disappointed in his expectations of his (William's) learning being of any benefit to the family, for instead of it proving beneficial to us, it proved a snare, and our family was divided, our peace destroyed, our future hopes all blasted, and desolation, misery and shame were brought to our peaceful and happy home. Brother William J. was a promising young man and was the pride of the family, and "a mother's son" He was quick, apt, full of wit and life. At the age of 23 was a member of the Baptist church and an "exhorter" (it being then as now, unlawful for a black man to preach or take a text from the bible. Think of this fact, ye christians of the North and England?) By being an exhorter, brother thereby got acquainted with a great many people of color, both bond and free. He was bold, and would always speak his mind to the slave-holders and poor whites, no matter what would come from so doing. This being a fact, he was accused of writing free papers for slaves. This was very unlawful, and of course against the slave-holders' views. Let me say right here, that I will not say at this time whether brother was guilty of the "crime" or not, but I will say that it a just act to write free papers for the slaves, but as God is God, and a just God at that, I pray each and every day that He will in His own mysterious way, some day write a free paper for all my poor bond brethren and sisters and their children, yes and their children's children all over the known world where men are under the yoke of bondage, as he did of old.

To return to brother William. He was arrested and brought before a magistrate to answer to the charge of this "great crime." They did not, however, attempt to prove the charge against him, but demanded to know if he could write. Brother informed them that he could do so. The magistrate gave him pen, ink and paper, and demanded to see a sample of his writing. Without the least fear as to what the results might be, William wrote about half a page. When they saw his handwriting, they deemed this sufficient to put him into prison, say that anyway he was a "dangerous free 'nigger' to be in the county," and if he had not written passes and free papers, he could and perhaps would do so. He was, therefore, sent to jail. Oh! never shall I forget the feeling and the scene this unhappy news created in our family. Our sky was darkened for the first time and gloom settled upon every brow. My poor mother was like Rachel of old, "weeping for her first born, and would not be comforted," and father walked up and down the floor and yard with his head uncovered, breaking the silence by a deep groan or exclaiming: "My son! oh my son!" We children seemed to forget that we had any claim on our parents' affections, and felt at a loss how to act, for fear of adding to their grief.

That night was with us the beginning of our sorrow, and was spent without sleep. We all offered prayers and supplications to Almighty God for our brother during the whole night. An old friend of my fathers' hearing of the trouble, came over like Job's friends to comfort him. This friend (who was also a relative) was a free man of color by the name of James Coffee, who resided about seven miles from our house in Norfolk county. The place where he lived was known as "Long Ridge." Cousin James (as we called him) had at this place a large farm and was one of the few "good livers" of that section. He was about the same age of my father, and they were play boys together in boyhood and mutual friends in manhood until death separated them. Cousin James also had a son, the pride of the family, whose name was Samuel. He was a noble young man about the same age of brother William J. They, too, like their fathers, were firm friends. Young Coffee was with my brother when he was arrested by James E. Wilson, for such was the name of the man (if such he must be called) who had my brother arrested. Samuel followed brother William to the magistrate's house, and showed much sympathy by acts and words of consolation, and after the parting carried the sad news to our family. He then returned home and worked in his father's place and let the old gentleman come to console my father. Cousin James stayed all night at our house, and returned home just in time to see his son Samuel arrested by the same party of white men who arrested my brother William. The pretext for his arrest was that he was accused of threatening to avenge my brother's wrongs by killing all the white people and destroying their property, the latter they said he had done by fire, which had by some unknown cause broken out in an old and worthless out house at Wilson's farm (the fire was many weeks afterwards proved to have been started by one of Wilson's men by his orders). In vain cousin James pleaded for his son, in vain he tried to make an impression upon the void in them where the better and christian nature is always found in true manhood, but it was all for naught. The cruel monsters had their victims and esteemed their prize too highly to listen to any kind of pleadings. So Samuel and William were hurried off to the Portsmouth City jail, being tied to the constable's horse and obliged to run or be dragged, when those noble white christian gentlemen felt like having a little race on the road to the jail. They were placed in the same cell to await their trial, and their parents were left to mourn their unhappy lot.

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Rev. Mrs. Brantley delivered her final discourse at the A. M. E. church, and has left for Longview. The people here are very much interested in the several wards of the city over the matter of the erection of the Central Graded school building. Concerts and other enterprises are the order of the day to aid in raising means for the consumation of this very much needed object. We have two colored doctors here in the persons of Drs. M. J. Snowden and Frierson. P. F. Dennis is our professional stenographer. Many own their own homes and others are buying Rev. G. J. Izard is the newly appointed pastor of Mallieu M. E. church. Rev. Riley Johnson has been stationed at the A. M. E. church. Mrs. Dora Cobb left March 7th for Dallas. Miss Lula Harwood of New Orleans, La., is in the city. Another house succumbed to the flames on Saturday. Mrs. J. P. Rye of Linen, Ark., is in our city for a few days giving lessons in artistic paintings. Mr. Green Isabell is a prosperous farmer, and has many of the essentials necessary for a successful son of toil. Miss Chloe Montague of Mineola, is in our city visiting her sick sister. Mrs. Hannah Robinson is on the sick list.

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MAN OR BABOON,

"Man or Baboon," is the startling caption that appeared above an article in a recent issue of the American Citizen, of Boston. It is needless to say that the article refers to the Negro. The caption is the result of some of the Didierism that tried to gain a foothold a few months ago. It transpires that the Globe, the paper through which Didier made his attack, is a Catholic institution, and the editor, Wm. H. Thorne, who commented about as vigorously as Didier wrote, is a convert to the faith. This information, perhaps, does not impair their moral worth, but nevertheless, it is an interesting bit of biography. THE FREEMAN has been asked by a club of two hundred young men (the Hollon Literary club) of Providence, R. I., what it thought of it. Out of respect for so many young men, THE FREEMAN answers by saying it thinks that it takes a long stretch of the imagination to think that a "white" man could be the author of an article that smacks of such total depravity. This is the infamous language he uses:

"When Abraham Lincoln, by a stroke of his pen, emancipated four million Southern slaves, he committed the most gigantic robbery of private property that has ever taken place since the world began. For this monstrous crime he was punished by a swift, sudden and awful death; and the members of his cabinet who were most active in demanding the abolition of slavery—the implacable Stanton and the fanatical Chase—were swept away in the course of a few years by untimely deaths. The cry to heaven of the impoverished widow and orphan was heard. Slavery was a blessing to the slaves."

These are the utterances of a social anarchist. Nothing is sacred to Didier—the lamented Lincoln, Stanton, Chase, all placed in the same catagory—these household gods are ruthlessly brushed by this bull of Bashan. Right here comes the sore spot in republics—free speech rampant. The defenseless dead assailed by a nondescript through the medium of free speech. Modern times will look in vain for another Didier. Many may approach him in his descent, but none can descend beneath him. Hear him again:

"This is the white man's country. This government was formed by white men for white men. White men have made this country what it is among the nations of the earth, and the black man shall not destroy the noble institutions of this magnificent republic, and degrade this land to the condition of Hayti and every other country where they have had domination. Our ancestors fought at Eutaw, at Cowpens, at Yorktown, and we will not accept as our equals men whose ancestors ate their prisoners of war. We are the sons of Anglo-Saxon forefathers, and we will never receive as brothers the sons of Ethiopian cannibals and devil-worshipers. The Negro bears upon his face the everlasting curse of God. In intellect he is only one degree above the baboon; in instinct, he is below the brute."

This is a white man's and a black man's country. This government was formed by white men and black of every shade, clime and tongue. Black men helped pile up this institution especially in the South, and the black man will be in it at the death. He does not intend to disgrace it as this d— Didier is trying to do to Lincoln and others. Hayti is about as quiet as the other volcanic belt republics. Central America, Venezuela, Brazil, Peru nor Chilli have much advantage over Hayti. Didier is an unlettered man, as all evidences go to show. Didier is an ignorant white man. God Himself hates an ignorant white man. Some of the best Negro blood blazed the way for this republic. Maceo and others of Cuba are the bright stars of the firmament of to-day. The whole world sits in the ampitheater and are interested spectators of the events that must free Cuba or grind her to powder. The Negroes may have been cannibals, but they were content to eat human flesh amid the jungles of Africa. They asked not that they be betrayed to some bleak, desolate shore to serve a master. He is here and is just as content to stay. There can come no cries in the affairs of this country that will admit of his deportation. Should he be swept in the sea en masse, this whole country shall be dragged to a deluge with him. The Negro has cut his teeth and set them. He may not be an Appollo Belvedere so far as his face is concerned, yet it carries the mark of peaceful content. Swing off the husks of earth; he asks but little more. The pain bemarked countenances are not his. He is not using the Goulds and Vanderbilts as targets of attack. He does not parade the streets in angry squads doing violence to life and property. They are not mobists, maurauders, kuklux, white caps.

THOSE SENTINEL LETTERS.

The Sentinel, of this city, the leading Democratic paper of the state, caused quite a flurry among the colored people of this city by publishing several letters last week, that reflected considerably on the race. The articles were inspired by recent agitations on the part of the people. It is a fact that the agitation, mass-meeting business is being over worked. It is over worked when sharp practices begin to usurp the ordinary methods in these meetings, but the violent utterances in the Sentinel were not justifiable. The articles were undoubtedly the meanest compilation of disagreeable things ever put forward against the people of this city. They betrayed a low, rancorous hate, which seems incredible that white men or black men could be possessed with. Such arguments as has been used against the Negro have been very damaging, no matter from what source they came, or who wrote them. There was no sense of fitness in them. They savored more of vented spleen than anything else. It is very strange that the Sentinel would allow such vicious attacks to be made on the race through its columns. Suppose there were some intemperate utterances at some meeting, it does not follow that a wholesale denunciation must be the outcome of it all. But the colored people may as well be on the alert from this time on. The letters convey a depth of meaning not displayed on the surface.

PROF. BYRD PRILLERMAN delivered an address before the Colored Teacher's Association of West Virginia, which appears in the West Virginia School Journal for March. It is an interesting resume of the educational and general status of the Negroes. He says:

"At the close of the civil war we were worth $12,000; now we are worth $300,000,000. Then we had only two newspapers and no books of our own; now we have more than 200 newspapers and many books produced by the Negro's pen.

At that time our preachers could not read their texts; now we have more than 1,000 college bred ministers. But this occasion demands that I should say more about the school and the cause of education. We now have in this country 25,230 common schools taught by more than 30,000 Negro teachers. We have 66 academies and high schools managed and taught by members of our race. Besides these there are seven colleges whose faculties and presidents were formally slaves.

THE Clarksville Enterprise comes to our office this week. We welcome it into the great field of sentiment moulders; hoping it may live to see its fondest hopes realized. It is published in Clarksville, Tenn. Light and Porter are its ambitious editors. It "crows" lustily; indicative of longevity.

UNCLE SAM'S DESCRIPION OF BLIND BOONES CONCERT.

"I attended dat blind man's concert
Dat de paper's advertised,
An' de way he played, I tell yo',
Jes' made me open my eyes.
For de way he handled dat insti'ment;
Fingers played upon de keys,
Was a sight I ne'er had witnessed,
An' a sight I could scarce believe;
'Twas as if by magic he teched it
So 'xactly did he execute.

'Peared to me I'd gone to heben,
An' an angel was playin' de keys.
He sat right down to de pi'ner,
An' his fingers were jest at home;
When he placed dem on de keyboard,
Manipulated de keys, I believe,
De first was a March, he called it
Tho' I didn't quite understand,
But I knew it was dreadful pretty
An' how he played it was grand!

An den "De Last Hope" followed
Oh chile, how beautiful 'twas,
I guess 'twas classical music,
Dere's some ob dat kind, yo' kno'.
But I tell yo' after 'twas finished,
An' a plantation melody sung,
I cl'ar forgot myself, dat's sho;
I thought I war Souf agin;
I wish yo'd heard de next one,
'Twas Swanee Ribber he played.

But den he'd added some extras,
Made it de sweetest e'er played.
His next selection, a fine one,
Dis ob his own git up,
An' den he sung a melon song
Which fairly took de house;
Ob course he was enchored,
An' right promptly did he respond
Following dis annudder
Ob dem high fluted ones.

He allus sings for chilluns,
Has a little song for dem,
An' Oh so cute an' simple! that
'Twas 'Mamma buy me dat.'
How I wish yo'd heard dat lady
Wid her voice so rich and fine,
She stood wid grace an' beauty
Dat she won dem people's love;
One ob her songs dat pressed me
Was something 'bout gamblin' an' sich.

'You'd better quit dat gamblin,'
(Now jes gimme time to think)
'Don't yo' eber think 'bout dyin'?'
I can't jes make de rhyme;
She too was enchored, remember,
I tell yo' her singin' took!
For 'Ole Uncle Rufus' was lovely,
But 'Listen to dem Chimin' Bells.'
Den after she'd finished her singin'
His master piece he played.

Next came dat awful Tornado
Which was composed by him;
He played two pieces together
An' imitated a music box,
A fife an' drum, an' incomin' train
An' de tunin' ob a violin.
So if eber he comes agin, now
Yo' mus' go to hear him play—
Yo' mus' hear dat Blind Boone Concert,
Hear de singin' by Stella May.

VIRGIE WHITSETT.

THE MARCH OF M'KINLEY.

The McKinley forces are making strides in the great contest that will soon terminate in St. Louis, to give way to a greater contest. The old hue and cry of too much enthusiam with its Clay, Webster and Blaine as victims is heard. Fatality is no part of the McKinley creed, and it will not be operative. Such predictions do not deter sensible men. The movement is not bound by lines. No incantations are necessary to break any spells.

"WE presume that nobody in his right senses will question Bishop Arnett's sincerity or intelligent zeal for the best interests of his race and this is what he says in regard to the colored people and the press: "What we, as a race, want to do is to read the papers and secure the influence of the press; to get them to speak of us as they do of other people; to defend us as they do of others and to condemn us when we should be condemned. When that day comes more than half of the trouble we now experience will have passed away."—The Boston Currant.

The good bishop is right. Unless the good opinion of the press is earned so that it speaks unbiasedly of the race, the time will be very far away when the race is accorded its deserts.

"REV. JOHN M. HENDERSON, M. D., now of New York City, we learn will be a candidate before the general conference for the editorial chair of the Quarterly Review. Should he be elected we other publishers had better wake up, for he will make things warm. Whatever he puts his hand to, with a pen in it, makes a stir. Should he get hold of the Quarterly Review, everybody will be grabbing for it, possible as never before, for there will be life, spice, wit, humor, philosophy, history, theology, etc., and white periodicals who dare to tread on the toes of the Negro race, will have a battle."—The Voice of Missions.

This extract coming from the oracle should be of great moment to Dr. Henderson. Under the broad humor is much truth, for he certainly wields a trenchant pen.

"THE Times-Herald's New York special says that Thomas Edison has succeeded, with the aid of the X rays, in penetrating the human body with the naked eye, the successful experiment having been made last week. He looked into the lungs and heart, and examined the arteries, muscles and blood vessels of one of his assistants. with the powerful cathode light behind the subject, he looked through a screen of prepared chemicals and is said to have plainly seen the workings of the various organs of the body."

That we are on the border land of a new realm in knowledge is growing more patent every day. The wizard has certainly arrested the attention of the scientific world.

JUST how many more will show legislative teeth is not known at this writing. It is evident there are more to follow from the distant rumbling heard. Give the place a chance, is not bad advice. Nobody will object to that. It is no sinecure for anyone. If the race must be distinct it must not become odious by doing odd things. It cannot become a part and parcel of the whole people until it learns the lessons other people learn.

MR. BRADLEY, of Kentucky, has won deserved praise for the energy he displayed in the late troublesome times of Kentucky. Yet it is to be hoped he does not sincerely believe that Kentuck's time has come to offer a presidential candidate. It takes a good deal of courage to think of a candidate from Kentucky. The State is alright, but public sentiment is hard to overcome.

A PAPER in Washington, D. C., after making laborious effort for Gov. Morton, is now out teeth and toe nail for McKinley. Who has been taken in, Morton or McKinley? Perhaps the journal does not discriminate; treating all alike—all served in their turn. Next.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, in a recent speech, says: "I was in a Northern city the other day and saw a church being erected by the hard-earned pennies of our race, but the contractor would not let a colored man drive a single nail." No homilily is needed here to point a moral.

MR. JAMES E. BOND, of Greensboro, N. C., claims the distinction of being the original McKinley man; having voted for him in '88. His species is rare, and something should be done to preserve it.

THE Arkansas Herald is a new journalistic venture of Little Rock, Ark. It has a formidable array of talent in front. We hope it plain sailing. W. Welch is editor-in-chief.

AMBASSADOR BAYARD has been censured by a large majority of votes in the house of representatives. It does not pay to bemean one's own country to win favor abroad.

REV. J. M. CONNER, D. D., of Little Rock, Ark., is being urged for bishop by many of his friends. The Dr. is eminently qualified for the post.

THE Hill-Lynch muddle does not seem to adjust itself. It is very probably that two sets of delegates will hail from Mississippi.

EDITOR FORTUNE says the Georgia delegation will be for Reed. The Georgians say nay.

Horse and Buggy as a Present.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

Ammon Ricks, who has just returned from Jackson, Tenn., presented Mrs. Ricks with a beautiful horse and buggy. Miss Mary E. Hosendove, who has been very ill for a week, is now improving. J. W. James and Ed. Currethers are both building houses. Rev. A. T. Woods preached an instructive sermon last Sunday. Preparations are being made for a great display on Easter. "The Reliable," by Miss Mymie Ross was the most interesting feature of the literary last Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Graham have both been on the sick list this week. Tom Robinson, of Memphis, was up to visit his wife and little ones last week. The city school is full and still new scholars come. Forest Webb, Will Gray, and John Swopes gave a successful entertainment at Sheffield last week. Prof. B. J. Sterling has closed a successful school at South Florena, and is going into business in Sheffield. D. W. Austin was full of instruction at the I. O. I, Thursday night. Among our successful farmers who are making rapid progress, are Tillman cooper, Mingo White, J. C. Currether, Henry Drumgood and J. H. Spriggs. Miss Julia Meredith is making good speed selling books. Wilson Slaughter is the coming carpenter of our town.

A MASQUE BALL.

Literary Events—"April Fool Concert"—Walnut Hill Notes.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

Rev. E. A. Wilson of Atoka, I. T., known as the celebrated boy evangelist of the West has been holding revival meeting at Union Baptist church for the past week. To-morrow at 11 a. m. his subject will be "Great Deliverance." Rev. Kell, the presiding elder, held a successful quarterly meeting at St. John's A. M. E. Zion church last Sunday. Dr. F. W. Johnson was at Ripley last Saturday on business. Hon. S. J. Hunter has returned from a visit in the South. The Phyllis Wheatley Literary Society had a crowded house last Tuesday night. A good program is promised next Tuesday night. There will be an April fool concert given at St. John's A. M. E. Zion church, Wednesday April 1st under the direction of the stewardess. All of the churches of the city are expected to donate something for the Orphan Fair which opens April 20th. Zion Baptist Literary Society had a crowded house last Monday night and a good program was rendered.

A very enjoyable masque ball was given at the residence of Mrs. Henry Davis, 18 McAllister street, Tuesday evening, March 17th by the Ladies' Leap Year Club. The following ladies and gentlemen were present: Mr. and Mrs. James Use, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Erwins, Mr. and Mrs. F. Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. L. Mitchell, Misses Mary Jones, Eva Johnson, Lelia Harris, Eva Alexander, Pearl Butler, Florence Scott, Henrietta Hunter, Messrs. Walter Thomas, Herbert Lotidage, James Kirk, Henry Trumbell, Willie Shelton, Lemuel Smith, Theodore Young, Jas. Q. Brookins, James Boyd.

WALNUT HILL NOTES.

Mrs. Sarah Elder the venerable mother of Jacob Elder, has returned home from an extended visit to Cairo, Ill. Many dollars worth of improvement has been made on the Second Ward Colored Republican Club house. Among the additions are two boxing rings and many other fixings necessary in the completion of a full equipped gymnasium. Calvin Flood, president and manager is quite busy at present in forming a special class on Friday evening March 23rd. The "Crescers" held its last regular semi-monthly meeting at the residence of Geo. Austin. Nearly all the number present and those who were nominated for the next ensuing term are as follows: President, Geo. Austin, and Wm. Smith; vice president Robert Watch; secretary, Rebecca Friason; assistant secretary, Anna Fragin; treasurer, Blanche Elder and Wendel Adams; critic, Daisy Smith; corresponding, Anna Fragin; librarian, Lizzie Friason, B. D.; Ed. Washington, Richard Bundy, O. Y. Gradison, Geo. Austin, Alfred Guthrie.

Misses Katie Carroll and Dora Buckner, who have met with much success as teachers in the Kentucky schools have returned. Last week Harry Russell the Court street Market officer was quite ill. Howard Simpson his cousin who is visiting him just now, kindly filled his office until relieved. Chas. Clark's wife and child who were so very sick have changed for the better.

The Douglass Literary Society.

Wren, Ohio, Special.

Jasper Hardman of Glenmore is improved after a severe illness. Frankie Green is recovering from a severe attack of lung fever. The Douglass Literary Society met Friday evening with a good attendance. Question discussed in debate class was "Resolved That the pulpit has done more civilize the world than the bar." Decisions in favor of affirmative. Quest'on for next evening, "Resolved that money is the greatest evil" All are invited. A surprise was tendered Miss Ida Wethington last Thursday evening to celebrate her eighteenth birthday. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all, and she received many handsome presents. Quarterly conference will convene at Van Wert April 3rd. Rev. G. W. Maxwell, P.E. is expected to preside over it. Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's Chapel April 5th. Some of our Afro-Ameri ladies and gentlemen attended an exhibition at the white school division No. 1, and reported it not only a failure, but a disgrace to a civilized community. The whites in this locality seem to be retrograding.

Death Claims its Own.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. Georgieanna Roberts, a faithful christian worker, age about 50 years, died at her home on College st., Sunday Feb. 23, she was sick only two weeks and her death was a shock to her friends. Mrs. Roberts was a member of St. Peter A. M. E. church. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. Porter. Mrs. Litie Cable is visiting friends and relatives in Hopkinsville. Samuel Buckner, of Kennedy, was in the city last week. Rev. Brown left on the 22nd for Nashville. The furnace is out of blast until another supply of ore is received. The three-year-old child of Mr and Mrs. Charles Keesee that was burned several days ago died Fev. 27th. Willie Saunders who was shot and seriously wounded by James Beasley Sunday night, died the 17th from the effects of his wounds. The horses attached to the wagon of the Southern Express Co., ran away and the tongue of the wagon struck Dr. Martin seriously wounding him in his side. Malincar Dunbar and Miss Ella Martin were married last week. Clarksville will soon have electric cars. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mason, a fine boy.

A Leap Year Party.

Alton, Ill., Special.

The gentlemen of the Union Baptist church gave a return leap year party last Thursday evening at the U. B F. hall for one tendered by the ladies of the same church several weeks ago. It was well attended and a pleasant time was had by all. Nettie, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Jones of Middletown, died last week. The funeral occurred in Delphi Charles the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Armstead of Bloomfield street, died last Saturday evening. The funeral took place at Carlyle. Mrs. F. Rue of Ft. Wayne, Ind., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coats. Quite a number of persons are having the measles. P. Walker accidentally shot himself last week. No serious injury resulted. Miss Rollins of Edwardsville is visiting Miss Winona Poindexter.

An Honest Man's Story.

GREENVILLAGE, PA., Jan. 23, '96.

DEAR SIR:—Thank God there is a medicine that will cure catarrh. Mr. Pretzinger I used your sample box of catarrh which you sent me. The first night I used it it helped me. May God bless you for your kindness. I used the little box you sent me and half of a 50 cent jar. They keep it in Chambersburg. I have told a great many people about your medicine. Hon. 'Squire Britton, brother-in-law to me is using it; he says it is helping him very much; he has catarrh very bad. Mrs. G. D. Ludwig, daughter of me is using your medicine. I use it in the evening before retiring to bed and am feeling better now than I have for the last five years. My head is clear and I have more energy for work and business. Before I used your medicine I felt many a time that I did not care wheter living or dead; I had no energy; I did not care for anything. I had catarrh over sixty-seven years; mother had catarrh and it turned into consumption; she died in her sixty-fourth year. I have a farm up at Strasburg, seven miles from Greenvillage. On nice days I drive up to the farm and work. Mr. Pretzinger I think it would pay you to have it put in all the Franklin County papers as I am a reliable, honest man, so the people say, middling well acquainted over the Country.

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A County Fair—Pedro Club.

Muncie, Ind., Special.

The ladies of the A. M. E. church gave a leap year entertainment on the 19th inst. It was a grand success, $40 being realized for the church. Following program was rendered: Invocation, Rev. H. E. Stewart; piano duet, Misses Fanny and Jennie White; paper, Mrs. Martha Adams; instrumental solo, Miss Myra Moore; violin solo, Miss Mamie Robbins; paper, Mrs. Martha White; song by chorus; music furnished by the Eagle brass band. Rev. J. A. Smith and wife attended the annual conference held at Louisville, Ky. Rev. J. T. Broyles has closed his revivals at the Second Baptist church. Rev. Anna Grayson of Dublin is conducting a series of meetings at the A. M. E. church. Her sermons are very instructive. The Masonic fraternity is making extensive preparations for a leap year entertainment at their hall on the 31st. Silas Shoecraft is very sick at his home at Riverside. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Robbins' little baby Lena is some better. Miss Alice Finley is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Link Bell delightfully entertained the progressive Pedro Club. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Carey White, Misses Flora and Nora Morin, Messrs. George Benson, Jno. L. Morin, Harvey Phillips, Herman Frazier and Carry White won the first prize and Miss Flora Morin captured the second. Jno. L. Morin has accepted a position with his father in the Bishop Block where he conducts the only ladies' hair dressing parlors in our city. Rev. Boyer has returned from an extended trip through the East. Mallard Moore is on the sick list. Harvey Phillips and Thos. K. Fossett received injuries by being kicked by a mule on the 19th. Charley Trimble attracted much attention at the leap year entertainment with his unique uniform and silk plug especially the young ladies. Charles Timbers and George Benson were made Masons on the 17th. Mrs. Rufus Poindexter is convalescent. One of the pleasant coming events is a county fair to be given under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor and the Ladies Mite Missionary societies of the A. M. E. church. All kinds of fancy work will be on sale. The ladies hope to make it a successful affair financially and socially for the benefit of the church. Any one wishing to make entries call on Rev. H. C. Stewart, secretary. Lonny McWilliams met with a serious accident at the Hotel Kirby the 19th. The Odd Fellows' annual sermon will be preached the second Sunday in April.

Newspaper Started.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Wm. Saunders was shot in the abdomen by J. W. Beasley Sunday night, March 15th, and it is thought fatally injured. Mrs. C. M. Watson is very ill at her home. Mrs. H. B. Bailey is improving. Miss Annie Kimbrough is able to be up again. Light and Porter' first edition of the "Enterprise" appeared on the street. It is very attractive. Bailey Cobb is rendered his services in the absence of Mrs Watson. Henry Bowens, the orphan child of S. Merriwether, was arrested recently for petit larceny. The Freeman is the only up-to-date colored paper in the world.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Political Doings—Church Doings—Personal Mention.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

Ed. Silkman is on the siek list together with Mr. W. Edarious Mitchum Rev. White and wife of Cleveland. O, are visiting our city. Patrick Shipley is confined to his room at his residence on Twelfth street. Dr. N. H. Talbott Springfield, O., is in the city. We beg to correct the statement made in our last weeks issue concerning Dr. B. F. Porter's appointment. Dr. Porter's appointment was not considered at all before the adjournment of the Senate last Tuesday, and in view of such a fact, Gov. Bradley reappointed him. He left the city Tuesday morning to assume charge of his office. N. R. Harper attorney-at-law, one of our prominent lawyers was appointed on the Board of Agriculture by Gov. Bradley Monday. The Knight Templars of the city are making extensive preparations for their Thanksgiving sermon Easter Sunday. They may probably have their services at the Jacob street Tabernacle. Prof. Abe L. Adam's entertainment that will be given at the Odd Fellow's hall Monday promises to be quite a nice affair. The case of Prof W. T. Peyton and W. H. Goodall came up before the Grievance Committee of the school board last Thursday evening, but because of the defendant (Peyton) not being ready the case was deferred until March 31st. Both have fortified themselves nicely, as each has secured about the best jurist of the state and a lively issue is expected. Prof. F. D. Patterson gave the junior class an examination in English history that will last all the week. Rev. W. W. Brown the colored banker of Richmond. Va., gave a very instructive an interesting talk to the public Sunday afternoon at the Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. The High Art entertainment and Bazaar given by the Quinn Chapel Sunday school Friday evening at the church was a successful and an elaborate affair. A spendid program was rendered. A gold medal was awarded to the most perfect one. Upon the decision of the audience Miss Minnie Goodall who presented "Repulsion" received the medal. The young ladies of 12th street A. M. E. church set quite a pace for the young men to follow Tuesday evening At the leap year festival given at the church by the Stewards Thursday. The 20th century girl made herself both prominent and conspicuous. Each Young lady called at the gentlemen's residences accompanied them to the church and acted their part to perfection. A pleasant time was had as mirth and folly were at their maxium all the evening. As the table was turned the young men did for once show their likes for festival danties. The superintendent of the various Sunday schools of the city have effected an undenominational Sunday School Association. Monday evening in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. A very enthusastic meeting was held in which Prof. F, L. Williams was elected chairman and Prof. Robt. Wilkerson elected secretary. Messrs. Dr. E. D. Whidbee, Profs. Williams and Wilkerson were elected to issue a call for a state Sunday school Convention to convene in Louisville May 16th 17th and 18th. The young mens Republican club held a rousing and enthusiastic meeting Monday evening at College Hall. After routine business Mr, Albert S. White, attorney-at-law, made a stirring and impressive talk, complimenting the constituents of the organization for their gallant efforts put forth, and concluded by paying a glowing tribute to Hon. Wm. McKinley for presidential honors. Mr. White was ably followed by Thomas R. Hammonds, who pictured the trickeries of some of our political leaders, endorsed the actions of Gov. Bradley in his seming loyalty to the colored Republican, and advised the young men to be more conservative and consistent. Messrs. Tull, Ferguson and others made very interesting remarks. Then the club endorsed by special resolutions the candidacy to the National Convention for State-at-large.

Enjoyable Entertainment.

Philadelphia, Pa., Special.

Chas. Sumner Lodge No. 28, I. O. G. S. and D. S., met at their hall on Tuesday evening, March 17th, it being the regular monthly meeting. Two candidates were admitted to membership. The lodge advances with the new works adopted at the last session of the National Grand Session. Hermion Court I. O. O. C., of the order of the K. of P., held their regular meeting at their hall. After business of importance was transacted, Grand Chancellor Sir H. M. Kelley installed the following officers: Mrs. Prescoe, W. C.; G. H. Cook, W. N. C.; C. H. Rilley, W. R. of D.; Mary Brown, W. R. of A.; R. R. Johnson, W. R. of D.; Jennie Rilley, W. O; Mary Johnson, W. C.; Jennie Purnell, W. H., Susan Purnell, W. P. After the installation, an illustrated lecture was given on the principles of the order. Albert Cooley, who has been confined to his home with pneumonia is reported better. Miss Lizzie Collins, of Wilmington, Del., is visiting in the city. On Sunday morning at Campbell A. M. E. church, Rev. W. D. Cook preached an interesting sermon. At 2 p. m. the Sunday school was well attended. At 7:30 the pastor occupied the pulpit and preached a soul stirring sermon. The Literary at Campbell church on Thursday evening, was largely attended. The subject for discussion was, "Who is the best friend to the Negro race, Republicans or Democrats." The subject was discussed by several noted gentlemen. The judges finally decided that the Democrats were the best friend to the Negro." One of the most successful entertainments yet given in Frankfort and certainly the most enjoyable of the many entertainments given under the auspices of Minervia Social No. 1 was the delightful entertainment, Thursday evening the 12th. The church was well filled and every detail of the excellent program was carried out at 9:30. The Keystone Division No. 4 U. R. K. of P. under the command of Capt. J. E. Murray arrived from the city. The Division was met at the depot by a committee and escorted to the church where a delightful audience awaited them. Among the most noted visitors were Major C. H. Riley of Brigadier General Jones' staff, Grand Keeper of Records and Seals, Sir R. R. Johnson, Grand Master at Arms; Sir W. A. Croston, Master of Works, Sir Geo. A, Truitt, Master-at-Arms; Sir S. R. Boast of Penna lodge. Miss Jackson and Miss Postal visited Philadelphia Tuesday. D. S. Osbey of Manchester, Va., is the guest of R. R. Johnson, 1022 Locust street.

Odd Fellows Will Celebrate.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.

The concert given at Wesley Chapel was a success. The revival at Bethel church has been very beneficial. Dr. T. H. Jackson of Hot Springs was in the city this week. The doctor was in the best of spirits, and will be the choice of Arkansas for the Christian Recorder. We need more enterprise among our people. Rev. J. M. Murchison, P. E. of the A. M. E. church was in the city this week. The Odd Fellows are preparing for their celebration which will be a treat to the public. The Freeman wil be on sale every Saturday at Jones & Co's. drug store, Ninth and Gaines streets, and Armstrong's barber shop, 206 West Fifth street. See the agent, S. W. Moore and get one of Lincoln's Proclamations. There is night school going on at the Union school for the laboring class. It is tax paying time and every colored man must pay or he can't vote.

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Social Entertainment.

Anderson, Ind., Special.

Frank Dunbar's "Pickanniny Minstrels" was a failure, so far as the audience was concerned. The members of the company were present at Fisher's hall the 19th, but no one went to see the show. Miss Ida Turner entertained last Thursday evening. After lunch the guests enjoyed games until midnight. Those present were Messrs. Jas. Blakemore, Nide Milton, Wm. Troutman, Thos. Reynolds, Harry Terry, Misses Doshia and Mary Watkins, Myrche Boyles, Lillian Troutman and Cecelia Drake. Bert Morgan is at home from Montpelier. Rev. Benj. Jones will lecture before the Ministerial Association on "Church Enthusiasm," March 30th. Wm. Lewis has accepted a position at Montpelier, Mrs. Mary Davis is at home from a visit to Louisville, Ky. Ed. Blanket and family have returned from Paducah, Ky. Mrs. Wesley Drake spent last week with friends at Noblesville. Wm. Barber, of Crawfordsville, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Laura Winslow. Tom Kelly, of Tipton, was the guest of Mrs. Mary Douglass last Monday. Rev. and Mrs. Charles Allen were at Noblesville last week. Uncle Billy West and Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter will wed soon. John Howell, of Pendleton, was seeing Anderson sights last week. Miss Ida Cannon visited Carthage friends last week. P. J. Blakemore was at Markleville on business Thursday.

CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD

Social Happenings—Personals—Delegates to be Elected.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Little Grace Williamson entertained quite a number of little folks and others at a birthday party Wednesday evening from 5 until 8 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Daughterty. She was very much elated over the presents. Mrs. Ida Parker entertained a few friends at her residence Pine street Tuesday evening in honor of Miss M. L. Porter's birthday anniversary. Miss Grace Lowndes after several months stay at her old home in Columbia, S. C., returned home Thursday night, and was greeted by those at home and a number of friends. Mrs. Chas. Barns is convalescent after several days illness. Mrs. Harrison Wright is able to be out again after several weeks confined to her bed. Mrs. T. Rowan on Leonard street is growing very weak. Mrs. E. Fralix and her little sister Viola, were in the city Sunday visiting their parents on Leonard street. J. W. Macker of Spartensburg, S. C. one of the Maharry students in dentestry is in the city the guest of Dr. E. D. Bulkley, while here he will teach the art of painting. The Chafing Dish Club made its debut in colored society last Friday evening, under the auspices of Misses H. Davis and N. Calloway, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Streeter on Cypress street. It was quite select as well as a swell affair. Those present were Misses Nell Calloway, Hattie Davis, Daisy and Grace Lowndes, Addie Streeter and Mrs. Ada Parker, Profs. J. C. Wallace, W. H. Hastie, Drs. A. J. Love. J. D. Dickson, E. D. Bulkley and Mr. Will Griffin. The club will entertain again in the near future. The spelling match at Dr. T. A. Thomson's church Monday night between students from the Montgomery avenue building and the East Eighth street building, resulted in a victory to the former. They will have it over again this week.

Meetings are being held in every direction te elect delegates to the convention to be held in St. Louis, and we as colored voters, should awake to the fact that the time has come for us to look after our own interest. "Lamp Blacks" is the name that we received by some of the "Lilly Whites" Republicans, and with few exceptions this name is applied to us by both Republicans and Democrats. Therefore, we must support those who manifest an interest in our welfare. Mrs. M. Vann will spend next month in Memphis. Rev. M. Vann will go on a visit to Brownsboro in a few days on business. W. E. Petty is again in the city after being absent several months teaching. The Immaculates will have their annual sermon preached on Easter Sunday in the afternoon at the First Baptist church. Subscribers please have money ready as this is your last paper for this month. Leave news items at Dr. O. W. James drug store, 403 W. Ninth street. Little Emma J. Henry is much better. We will name the committee that are preparing to entertain the teachers at the convention to be held in this city about the 10th of June. We will also speak of the convention by the physician of this state to be held in this city about the same time as that of the teachers. Rev. M. Vann means to preach in the auditorium of his church on Easter Sunday whether his pews are here or not. Our subscription in this city has reach a circulation of 100 a week and increasing every day.

Memphis Happenings.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. R. E. Wall, wife of Dr. R. E. Wall, candidate for financial secretary of the A. M. E. church, of Columbia, S. C., is visiting her mother in this city. Mrs. D. E. Asbury is rendering very efficient service in the Providence Chapel congregation. In their last rally her club reported $120. There have been 83 conversions in the St. Andrew revival meetings. Rev. J. J. Morant, the able assistant of Rev. T. S. Johnson, made many friends while in the city. He has the best wishes of the people of Memphis. A purse of $13.40 was handed to him on his departure. Wedding bells will ring on Easter Sunday. Rev. Mrs. Polk is quite sick at the parsonage of St. James A. M. E. church. She is not expected to live. Rev. N. L. Bickham was in the city last week. Miss Willie Jacobs and Miss Alice Hopkins have joined church. Keep up with the news by reading The Freeman. You will find it on sale at No. 68 Avery street. Dr. J. N. Abby, the accomplished pastor of Avery Chapel, is the man to be elected editor of Southern Christian Recorder of the A. M. E. church. A paper that is constantly read with interest is the paper of the people and for the people. The Freeman speaks for itself.

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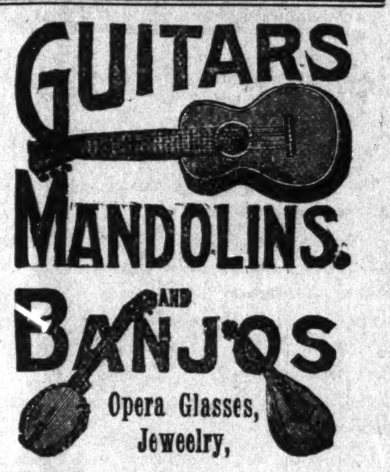

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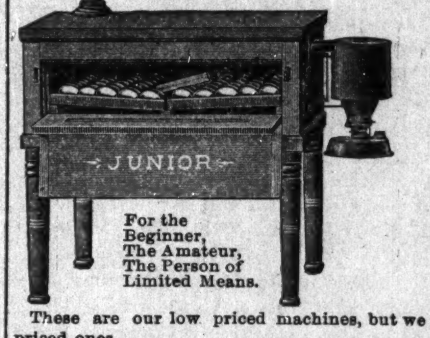

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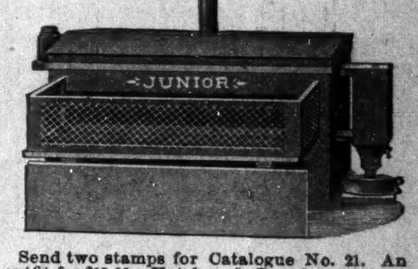

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Q.—What about your college?

A.—Jones University is located at Tuscaloosa, Ala., in the heart of a great colored section. This institution has done good work on moral industrial and intellectual lives for my people in the southwest. We are in great need of funds to further the progress of our work. Our college is furnishing teachers and preachers of worth and character to better the condition of the race. We expect the North to aid us in preparing leaders for the pulpit and school rooms, and our teachers and preachers properly trained, will lift up the race in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. The work must be done. Upon the shoulders of the black man rests the responsibility of citizenship and manhood to a great degree, especially as manhood and citizenship relate to the Negro himself. Hence the great need of every citizen of the Republic being able to read his ballot, and morally and intellectually prepare to properly bring up his children. The family is the unite of civilization and the ballot is the cannon of liberty.

Q.—What about the colored man in politics?

A.—Politics is the bane of my people. Every man should vote and that vote should be counted. But banks, farms, bonds, stocks and money will elevate the colored people higher than the legislation of any political party. My people should continue to labor on material lines. A big plantation in Alabama gives a colored man more standing with Dun and Bradstreet than a clerkship in Washington. It is more honorable to seek land than office. Let the colored man look to God and his own efforts and not to party platform promises. Whenever one of my race sees a chance to serve his fellow citizens in an official capacity he has as much right to seek the office as any other man, but if he is as solid in material wealth as in brain, his chances are all the better to be just and honest in any position. The colored man is freer in thought and action than years ago. Politicians no longer count on a solid colored vote in one direction. This is better so, because it puts my people in a position to interview all parties, and to make proper demands for rights of manhood and citizenship. I think that the pulpit and the school room, the plow and the forge, can elevate my people to a more solid foundation than any political party. Yet the colored man should always be loyal and faithful to those who gave him freedom and save the Union.

Two Colored Delegates.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.

The Republican delegation from Arkansas to the National Convention is composed of sixteen members, of that number two are colored, Hon. Fred Harris, of Pine Bluff, and Judge M. W. Gibbs, of Little Rock. Prof. T. R. Ish has charge of the State School for the blind. There are only twenty-four pupils in the school and they turn out some very nice work. This city has five colored newspapers. The entertainment of the Lamp-light club by Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Green was a grand affair. Mr. Clark, Grand Master of F. A. and A Masons, made his annual visit to St. John Lodge and found the craft in good working order. Dr. Hayman is delivering lectures at the Philander Smith College. S. W. Moore can put The Freeman in your homes by the week, month or year. We also have the great Emancipation Proclamation.

Church News.

Leadville, Col., Special.

Presiding Elder P. A. Hubbard was in the city and preached at the A. M. E. church on the 10th and 11th. The Young People's Christian Endeavor Society is the leading organization of the city. Mrs. D. L. Robinson left on the 9th for Ft. Smith, Tex., to visit her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Dyar. They will return to Denver on or about the 1st of April. Quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church the second Sunday in April. Mrs. J. W. Young is under the care of the doctor. Charles Furgerson who was cut about the head recently, is slowly recovering. Gilbert Phelps is on the sick list. Rev. J. T. Smith is suffering with catarrh.

Attended the Lexington Conference.

Anderson, Ind., Special.

The Anderson Banner Lodge No. 3854, Old Fellows, gave an entertainment at their hall Saturday evening, which was largely attended. Rev. G. C. McPheeters closed his second year's work at the M. E. church last Sunday by a very able sermon. Wm. Taylor of Indianapolis, has accepted a position at Carpenter & Miller's bicycle store. James Jackson, of Dayton, O., was in the city Wednesday on business. Oscar Skillins returned to Richmond Mrs. Frank Dunbar and sons arrived from Indianapolis Saturday evening. Rev. G. C. McPheeters and Thomas Thompkins attended the Lexington conference at Louisville this week. Messrs. Frank Dunbar and Rufus Young are arranging for a home talent minstrel. Robert Howard, of Indianapolis, is visiting friends and relatives in this city.

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Clarinda, Iowa, Special.

Mrs. Lewis has sued Mr. Lewis for a devorce after they have been married about twenty-seven years and raised an intelligent family. Rev Alexander is in Bedford attending quarterly meeting which will be well after starting the protracted meeting. Rev. Jones is still carrying on protracted meetings with great success.

Take Notice.

Houston, Tex., Special.

To whom it may concern:—This is to certify that I, E. C. Branch, general representative of the Indianapolis Freeman of the city of Houston, Tex., have appointed Prof. J. R. M Lee as assistant representative of Houston. Prof. Lee will enter every home in the city. Please receive him.

A Literary Woman.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. Francis E. W. Harper of Philadelphia, the poet and writer of prose, lectured at the Fifth Ward Baptist church last Thursday evening under the auspices of the "Married Ladies' Literary, Fine Arts and Industrial Club," with Mrs. Snowden president, Mrs. Burns secretary; Mrs. Roberts, treasurer; Mrs. Kenney, critic, reporter and corresponding secretary. A reception was tendered Mrs. Harper by the club. April 5th will be Anniversary Day. A grand literary program is being prepared. The choir will be accompanied by horns, trombone, violin and organ.

Graves-Harper Wedding.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

The marriage of Miss Belle Harper and the Rev. Horace S. Graves of St. James African Methodist Episcopal church of Elgin took place yesterday at the residence of the bride, 1707 Dearborn street. The young couple is well known in south side society circles. Mrs. Graves has been for several years a prominent church worker and officer in the Christian Endeavor society. She is a native of Louisville, Ky., but has spent most of her life in Chicago, where she was educated. Dr. Graves is a popular young colored preacher. He was educated a Wilberforce University Ohio. He was ordained last year by the late Bishop Wayman and assigned to the charge at Elgin. The Rev. and Mrs. Graves left for Elgin.

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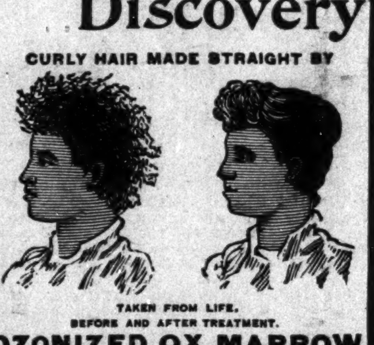

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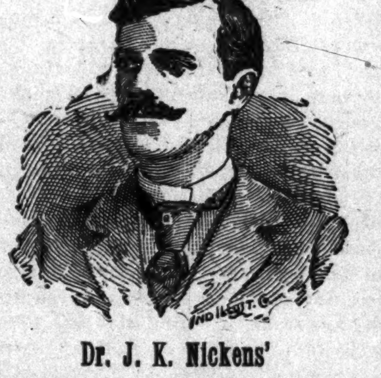

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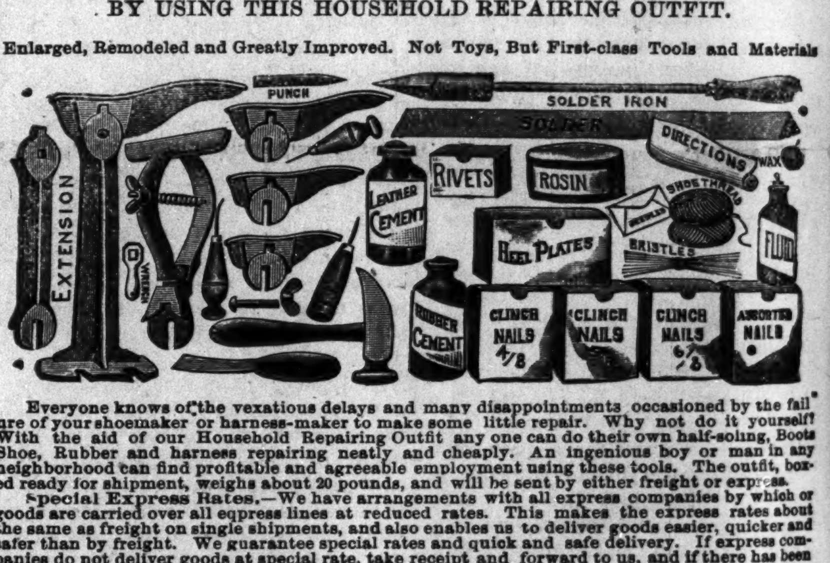

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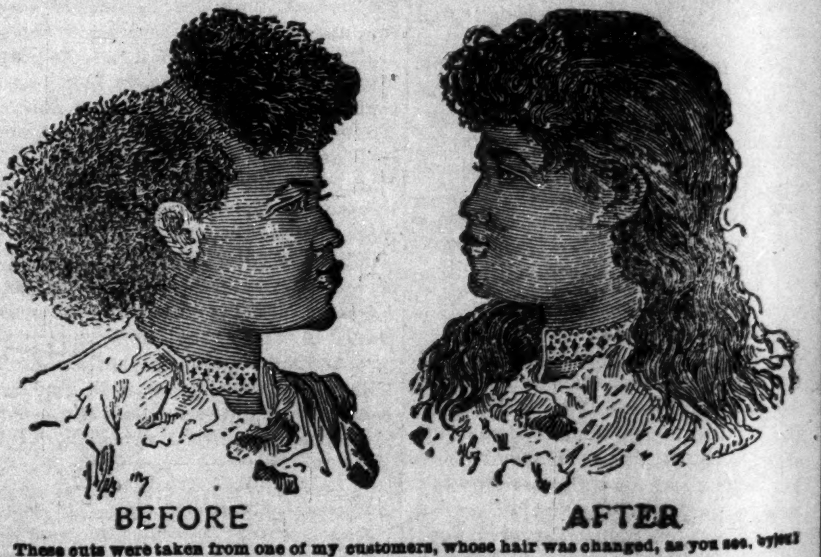

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CHAPTER XXX.

A MORAL COWARD.

"Oh, coward conscience! how dost thou afflict me!"
—Shakespeare.

"Conscience, what art thou? thou tremendous power!
Who dost inhabit us without our leave;
And art within ourselves another self,
A master self, that loves to domineer."
—Young.

AUNT SUSAN, let me introduce you to a gentleman who I will call a literary friend, for although I never met him before in person, I have known him for a long time through his gifted pen"—here Martha looked daggers at poor Hardy, who hung his head like a criminal awaiting sentence. "Mr. Hardy, permit me to introduce you to my aunt, Miss Susan Jones; Aunt Sue, Mr. Hardy, and this is little Miss Eva; she was the indirect cause of her father's visit, and this little tot is Baby Emma. Mr. Hardy, I understand from a remark I overheard on the cars. is bound for Chicago, and was on an express that was obliged to put back to Sandusky on account of an accident. The passengers were all transferred to our train and Mr. Hardy got off at Parkersburg, expecting to visit a friend, but he got off at the wrong station I guess." (Here she gave Hardy another dagger look), "So as there is no hotel in the town and no outgoing train until Monday I have taken the liberty, Aunt Sue to invite Mr. Hardy to stay here until Monday."

"Mercy! no train until Monday? why I must be in Chicago by to-morrow night," said Hardy looking at Aunt Sue.

"There is no way to get there before Monday, as this is a little side town with no Sunday trains—in fact we have no large trains here any way, but we can take care of you until Monday, sir," said the old lady coming forward with extended hand. "Take off your over coat and make yourself at home. Martha, take off the little ones' things. I'll go and get some supper."

She started to leave the room, but Hardy who dreaded being left alone with Martha spoke up almost pleadingly.

"Why what's your hurry for supper, Miss Jones; its early yet. Let me see, I believe you are from Virginia; so am I, and I always enjoy a chat with the old school people from my state."

Martha, who was something of a mind-reader, said to herself, "Ah, Andrew Hardy! you guilty fellow! you are afraid to be alone with me. Oh, you coward! but I'll make you stay here, and althongh, I have long since forgiven you, I'll make you believe I think you are the meanest man on earth; it's my day now, Sir Andrew, and I'm going to punish you."

She remarked aloud: "Why Mr. Hardy, I know the little ones are hungry; do let auntie get them something to eat. You'll have plenty time to talk to auntie after supper; you'll find her quite a talker. I regret that Uncle William will not be here during your stay, as he has gone to Toledo with his employer, Dr. Sykes; so you see we are quite glad to have a live man in the house. If it had not been for the two accidents, the blockade on your road and your getting off here, we too old maids should have been all alone in the house. Aunt Sue, you get the supper, I'll entertain Mr. Hardy; I suppose you want to go along with Aunt Sue, Eva, darling? well you can go and help fix the table; Baby Emma wants to go too? very good."

Aunt Sue and the children went out, closing the door after them. Martha was seated opposite Hardy; not a word was spoken for nearly 5 minutes, but he could feel her eyes upon him, and each minute his guilt seemed to grow larger. She was in fact looking at him with a pleased and amusing smile which she changed with true womanly quickness to a cold icy stare when he at last ventured to look up.

"This is terrible," he said to himself, "I must pick up courage and open the subject of the proxy letters and acknowledge my guilt and ask forgiveness." He stood up and firmly grasped the back of his chair for support and spoke in a strange voice.

"Miss Wright, I want to say"—he looked up and met the same cold, stony glare. She seemed to say, "I told you never after this sad day to say or write me a word about those false letters. You are a mean, false-hearted fellow." What she did say was: "Beg pardon, Mr. Hardy, what did you say?"

"I was going to say—er—that is, ask you how far the post office is," he stammered out.

She gave him a reproachful look which she seemed to say: "Andrew Hardy, are you never going to stop telling me falsehoods?" she remarked. "Why don't you remember, Mr. Hardy, just after leaving the depot, Eva remarked what a funny place to have the postoffice in a grocery store?"

"O yes, that's so, Miss Wright; I'm very forgetful to-day."

"Do you think it's caused by the anxiety you have to be in Chicago, or the incidents since the accident to-day?"

"Well—er—yes, I think it will, Miss Wright," replied Hardy, not knowing what he said. Martha wanted to laugh at the wild answer, but kept up her zero glare. She asked in a pointed tone. "Oh, Mr. Hardy, what ever became of your friend Clark?"

Hardy trembled and turned colorless. "What did I understand you to say, Miss Wright?"

"I asked you what became of your friend and client, Joseph J. Clark?" repeated Martha. Just then, to Hardy's joy, Aunt Sue looked in and announced that supper was ready. Silently he followed Martha and her aunt down stairs to the dining room. He wanted to take a seat beside Martha so he could escape her reproving looks. She foiled him in this move by placing one of the little girls on each side of her, thus forcing him to take the opposite seat. Everybody was talkative excepting Hardy. The babies prattled, Aunt Susan talked of old times "fore the war," and Martha told some of her school teaching experience. The narrative she seemed to delight most in telling was about one of her large boys who tried several times to fool her by writing the girl's lesson for them. She dwelt upon the wickedness of such acts and predicted with much force that the boy would end his day's in state's prison for forgery. She tried to catch Hardy's eye several times during the conversation, but was unable to do so. When supper was over, although it was far from bedtime, he asked to be shown to his room, as he claimed he was not feeling well. Leaving the care of the children to Martha, he followed Aunt Sue up stairs to a snug little bed room. He locked the door and walked up and down the floor for hours.

"I must pick up courage," he said to himself. "Yes, I will make an open confession of my guilt in the morning and ask to be forgiven; she is too sweet a girl to deny such a request. Oh, how I would like to talk over the past with her—to discuss authors and poets with our tongues as we used to do with our pens. I must not be so chicken-hearted, but O, how I fear that cold stare she gives me, I fear I cannot overcome it; however. I'll try in the morning."

Having formed this resolution he retired. His courage failed him next morning, and he found himself trying to avoid meeting Martha He walked down the road only to run across her and the children. He started after breakfast to steal up to his room, but met her in the hall, and as she did not seem incline to let him pass in silence he almost rushed back into the dining room, got his hat and overcoat and started out of back way, there she stood in the yard and for the first time she could not control her smile, it broke forth in a loud laugh as she remarked "why Mr. Hardy, are you dodging me or am I trying to keep out of your way or are both trying to meet each other, which is it?"

He lifted his hat and stammered out something she failed to understand and walked back in the house. He did manage to steal out unnoticed before dinner and stayed away the rest of the day. Aunt Sue and the children went to church but Martha stayed at home in hope that he would return and that she would have an opportunity to make him say something about Clark and the proxy letter. When he did return he was more talkative, he was cheered by the hope of getting away on the morrow but Martha said to herself, "If he thinks of getting away for good with the children he's mistaken." After he had retired for the night, she remarked to her aunt:

"Auntie, why don't you offer to keep the children a few days for Mr. Hardy. He knows no one in Chicago it seems, where he can leave them. It would be an act of kindness not only to make the offer, but insist that he leave them"

Her aunt agreed with her, and the next morning Hardy was surprised at the offer and the logical reasons put forth why he should accept it The children were delighted at the idea. They had commenced to feel at home with the motherly Martha and grandmotherly Aunt Sue.

Hardy went alone to Chicago where he at once wrote to Martha informing her that he would be detained on business for a week, and asking her and aunt to kindly look after the wants of the children, enclosing a ten dollar bill with the request that she purchase house dresses for the children. He received a reply by return mail saying the children would be cared for until his return if he was delayed for months or even a year. The letter commenced:

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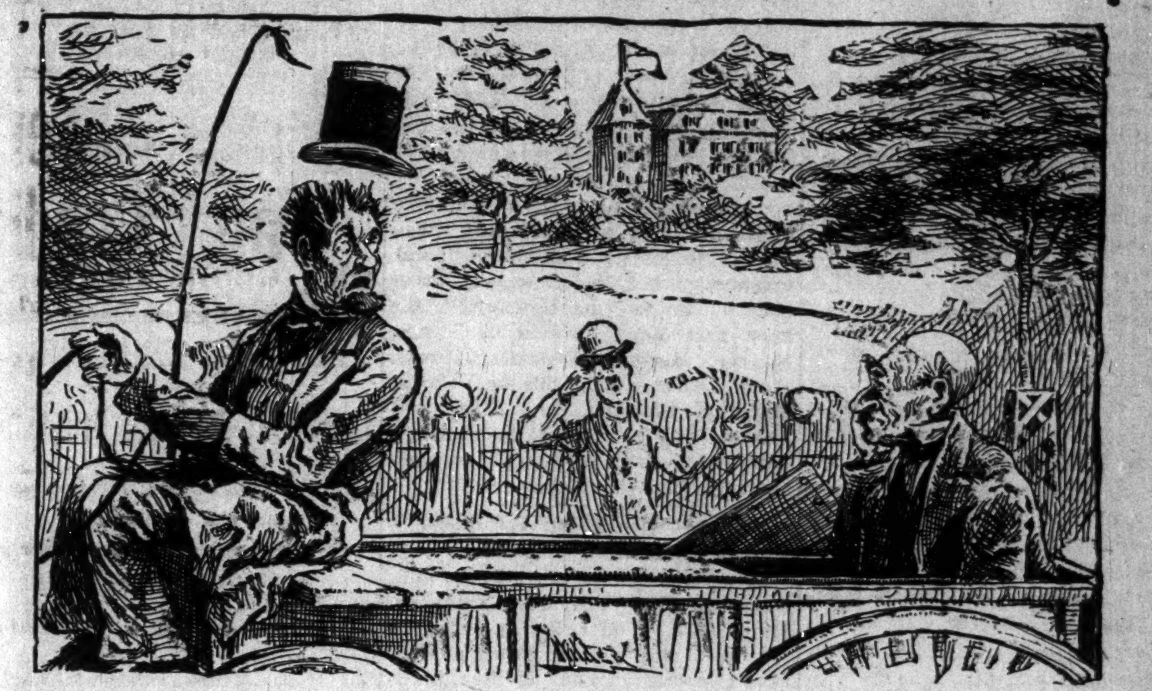
A few days after this, Josiah Allen came in, and sez he, "The everlastin' spring is the one for me, Samantha! I believe it will keep me alive for hundreds and hundreds of years." Sez I, "I don't believe that, Josiah Allen."

"Wall, it is so, whether you believe it or not. Why, I see a feller jest now who sez he don't believe anybody would ever die at all, if they kep' themselves kinder wet through all the time with this water."

"Oh, shaw!" sez I. (I seldom say shaw, but this seemed to me a time for shawin'.)

But Josiah kep' on, for he wus fearfully excited. Sez he, "Why, the fellow said, there wuz a old man who lived right by the side of this spring, and felt the effects of it inside and out all the time, it wuz so healthy there. Why the old man kep' on a livin', and a livin', till he got to be a hundred. And he wuz kinder lazy naturally and he got tired of livin'. He said he wuz tired of gettin' up mornin's and dressin' of him, tired of pullin' on his boots and drawin' on his trowses, and he told his grandson Sam to take him up to Troy and let him die.



"Wall, Sam took him up to Troy, and he died right away, almost. And Sam bein' a good hearted chap, thought it would please the old man to be buried down by the spring, that healthy spot. So he took him back there in a wagon he borrowed. And when he got clost to the spring, Sam heard a sithe, and he looked back, and there the old gentleman wuz a settin' up a leanin' his head on his elbo, and he sez, in a sort of a sad way, not mad, but melancholly, '**You hadn't ort to done it, Sam. You hadn't ort to. I'm in now for another hundred years.**'"

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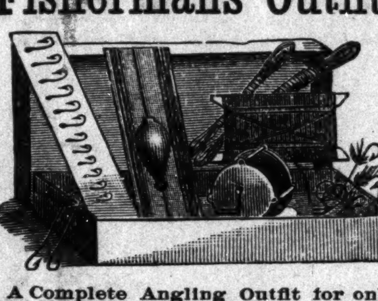

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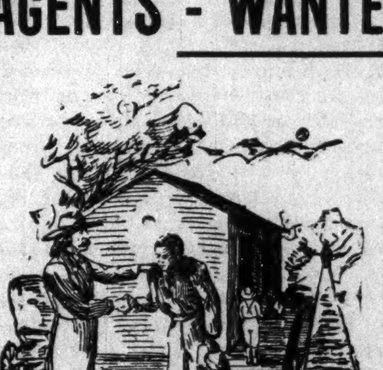

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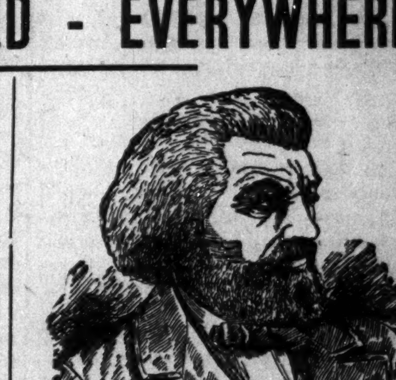

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CITY HAPPENINGS—PERSONAL.

Miss Cora Jones is on the sick list.

Rev. Creed H. Taylor was in the city last Thursday.

Willis Dixon of Elk street is studying medicine.

A petition is being circulated, asking for the pardon of Nettie Cleggett.

Thompson Minor and Nora Harris were recently married.

Grant H. Clay,,Dentist. 95 N. Del. Teeth filled and extracted without pain.

Mrs. Indiana Keeble, who resides at 130 West Fourth street, is on the sick list.

Elias Coleman was legally separated from Julia in Judge Bartholmew's court.

Rev. Maurice Lewis of Crawfordsville was in the last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss R. Wakefield of Kentucky is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Agues Wakefield, 27 Hosbrook street.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Clark, March 16th a fine boy. Mother and child doing well.

Mrs. Thomas Ashley entertained the members of Allen Chapel choir Sunday evening at 6 o'clock tea.

Rev. E. J. McCray, M. D., at the close of his vacation returned to his home in Louisville Tuesday.

Mrs. T. J. Works of Hamilton, O., is in the city the guest of her mother, Mrs. Davison, 421 California street.

Mrs. Sarah B. Dungey, the accomplished guitarist of Nashville, Tenn., has located at 444 West Second street.

Rev. D. S. E. Piercy of St. Louis, Mo., is in the city assiting in the meetings at the Second Baptist church.

D. W. Parker, President Jones' University, Tuscaloosa, Ala., is in the city in the interest of the University.

Dr. J. K. Nickens gave a panoramic entertainment at New Bethel Baptist church last Friday night to a crowded house.

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Presiding Elder E. L. Gilliam and Rev. L. M. Hagood were respectively returned to the Indianapolis District and Simpson Chapel by the recent action of the Lexington Conference.

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The "Deacons and Trustees' Concert" to be given at Corinthian church Monday evening, March 30th promises to be very unique. Messrs. Webb, Prince and Jameson will each render a solo, followed with, duets by Messrs. Bird and Brown, and Floyd and Lewis.

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In Honor of Visitors.

A 4 o'clock luncheon was given Wednesday evening, the 11th by Mesdames L. G. Sanders and B. Coleman in honor of Mrs. T. C. Scott of Richmond. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers. Among the guests present was Mrs. Belle Griggsby of Dayton, O.

THE CHURCH.

The Rev. Dr. Milburn, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, will preach at the Ninth Presbyterian tomorrow at 3 p. m. Rev. Benjamin Franklin will preach at 11 a. m.

Bethel Endeavor Society will have a a sunrise prayer meeting, ending in consecration service on Easter morning. Topic for prayer, "Faith."

Easter services will be held at 11 a. m., and special song service at 3 p. m. at Corinthian Baptist church.

Mt. Zion Baptist Sunday school will have exercises Easter Sunday at 9:00 o'clock a. m. Public invited.

The Alpha Home.

The Alpha Home Association met at New Bethel Baptist church, Thursday, March 12th and elected the following officers for 1896: Mrs. Hulda Webb, president; Mrs. Mary Jackson, vice president; Mrs. Amanda Wells, financial secretary; Mrs. Fannie Johnson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Arilla Knox, treasurer; Mrs. Lizzie Johnson, superintendent; Mrs. Ellen Young, assistant superintendent. Trustees: Mesdames Edna Perry, Martha Hall, Kate Stewart, Emily Parks and Catherine Baxter. Advisory Board: Mesdames Emily Bridges, Nellie Allen, Sarah White, Revs. N. A. Seymour, E. B. Martin and A. L. Murray.

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING.

We have long wondered why the Colored Orphan's Home does not have a colored matron and colored teachers, and have not as yet been able to solve the problem. If we have women of the race who are competent to teach in the city schools, it goes without saying that there are others fitted to teach the orphans. Would the German or Irish tolerate the presence of a colored matron in their homes? The idea would be preposterous. Who best understands the needs or peculiarities of any race than one of its members—be he Jew or Gentile. These little ones may be well cared for, physically, but should not the great deeds accomplished by members of the race be taught and instilled in their young minds? Can you find an Irish child of school age who does not know of St. Patrick? How many, we wonder, at the Colored Home ever heard of Douglass, Toussaint L'Overture, or Price? The Alpha Home, for the indigent of this city, was founded nearly eleven years ago, has a colored matron who has always given satisfaction, and its officers are colored ladies. We are opposed to the many "committee meetings" that are held, but when there is an object or grievance of any magnitude, we should, as any other body of people "get together." We hope that Revs. Henderson, Harris, Murray, Hagood, Williams, Messrs. Webb, Knox, Hill, Christy. Floyd, Manning, Sweeney, Drs. Elbert and Furniss will be actuated by a strong impulse to consult with proper authorities regarding this matter.

Charged with Being Audacious.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

In contradiction of a statement published in The People of Saturday, March 14th, I offer the following to your valuable paper: In giving publicity to a recent raid made on the Cottage Hotel by the police, The People took the liberty to censure me for asking the court to mitigate fines imposed upon certain persons taken in the raid. The article referred to claims that all the parties arrested were members of my congregation. This, I say, is an unqualified falsehood which that paper cannot establish.

In the next place The People openly charges me with audacity where it should credit me with sympathy. While I have the utmost confidence in the ability and fairness of the court who impose these fines, I cannot see where I rendered myself audacious in begging his honor to reduce them. I regard it as a part of my ministerial duty to solicit mercy upon all persons that heaven, law and good sense can be justified in granting. It will be remembered that I did not try to compel the court to do as I requested, but left the matter entirely with the judgment of his honor to decide as to the advisability of such a thing. For this The People has called me audacious.

REV. C. F. WILLIAMS,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Civil Service Examination.

Tyler, Tex., Special.

I. E. Kennedy has been appointed agent for The Freeman. Call on him each Saturday and secure a copy at five cents. T. K. Price is in the city from Overton and will attend the Texas College. Miss Ida M. Hill of Mound City, Ill., arrived in the city on the 29th ult., on a visit to her mother, Mrs. E. McElroy. Mrs. S. D. Harrison has been very sick at the residence of her sister in South Tyler, but is improving. Bryant Steward and Hugh Jenkins are in Houston. Rev. Lacy of Rusk is in the city. James H. Wilson passed a civil service examination. Mrs. Irena Williams of Mound City, Ill., is in the city. Elis E. McElroy was married last month to Mrs. Mattie Johnson at the residence of J. G. Lamkins. Rev. J. J. Thompson officiating. We wish them happiness. We are glad to know that the M. E's. will soon build a church. The Texas College is progressing nicely; the attendance is increasing daily. We learn that at a very early date the society young men will give a grand entertainment. Miss Maggie Bruno is on the sick list. Send I. E. Kennedy all the news and subscribers for The Freeman. Abe Young is working very hard to organize a K. of P. Lodge in this city. Miss Mary Baytons was in the city Saturday. Rev. Lee of Marshall, was in the city last week. The Freeman is here to stay. We had the pleasure of meeting on last week, Rev. Galloway of the Christian church. The young folks union is a grand help to Tyler. Rev. J. W. Lewis of Palestine will soon make Tyler his home. H. Ornette is improving his house. A J. Jackson is still at his post. Miss Lula Reese is still considering the matter more serious at present. We will do a strictly cash business with this paper; no credit goes. Have your five cents ready each Saturday. You can leave orders during the week for the paper with the agent. Report all local happenings of interest.

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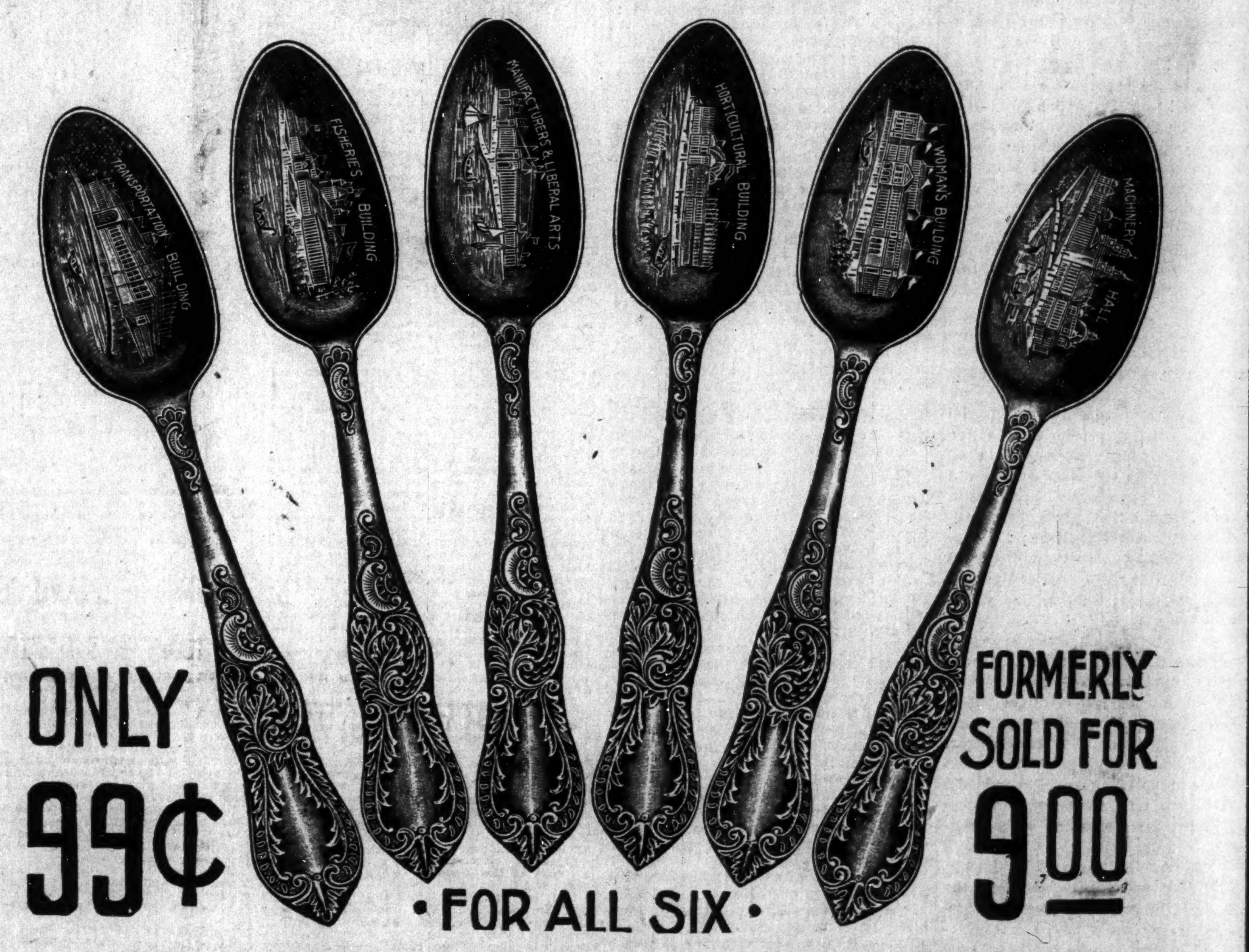

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To get such beautiful spoons at such a low price. You must send in your order at once. First come, first served.

Remember We positively cannot supply these spoons after this lot is sold, we reserve the right to refuse orders from dealers for more than 12 sets.

Order To-Day As you may be to late if you delay. This is the most remarkabe offer ever made by a reliable firm and we refer to the first National Bank of Chicago, any Express Company and Dunn's or Bradstreet's Commercial Reports. The Editor of this paper knows we are responsible and will do as we agree.

Every family and every individual ought to have a set as a SOUVENIR, or as a beautiful collection of spoons for extraordinary occasions, or for a BIRTHDAY or WEDDING GIFT, or as a set for every-day-use. You may never have another chance to get such exquisite silverware at such a remarkably low price. The thousands and thousands of people who bought our Souvenir Coffee Spoons will read this offer with delight. They know that any offer we make is a genuine bargain, and cannot be duplicated anywhere. There are twelve different buildings.

Set No. 2 comprises the Manufacturers, Horticultural, Woman's, Fisheries', Machinery and Transportation buildings.

Set No. 3 includes the Administration, Art, Agricultural, Electrical, Mining and Government buildings.

In your order please be explicit and say whether you want set number two or three. The set is put up in a very neat box, handsomely lined with plush, and is sent by mail securely packed and prepaid.

Send 99 cents by postoffice, or express money order, or registered letter only, as we do not except personal checks.

If the spoons are not exactly as represented you can have your money back. You know our advertisement would not be in this paper if the offer was not genuine.

We still have some of the Souvenir Coffee Spoons on hand.

Leonard Manufacturing Co.

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